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The Manager

# Arsène WENGER



WE HAD A  
VERY SPIRITED  
PERFORMANCE  
AGAINST STOKE  
ON SUNDAY



Our quality is very strong at the moment, and as a team we defended much better than a few months ago. We were very strong defensively and overall I am pleased. You can see as well that the supporters are getting behind the team because they feel we are playing with the right attitude and spirit. That is very positive.

I was disappointed with the goal we conceded because I felt the free-kick was not deserved. But after that you have to give credit to Stoke. They caught us by surprise – you expect them to hit the box directly and they didn't. We were a bit guilty of a lack of focus and concentration from that free-kick and Stoke know how to make the maximum from the minimum. That is why they are a force in English football.

The second-half basically was all us, especially after the first 15 minutes, and then the problem was to score goals. Van Persie can do that better than many people and he did it when he came on. Overall it was a good, spirited performance and the crowd feels that this team wants to do well because

they stood behind the team again and that is very positive.

I decided to leave Robin on the bench because he was a bit on the edge muscular-wise, so we didn't want to take a gamble with him. He was not injured but because he has played so many games recently he was quite tired and tight on the muscular side of his leg.

But he came on, scored two goals for us again, and who would have a doubt that he is one of the best players in the world?

He was very efficient when he came on. Straight away his movement and his quality made a difference. Give credit to Gervinho as well though – he had a very lively game, a very influential game.

I was also happy with the defence, the confidence is improving there – there is a unity in the squad. We know we have quality so that allows the confidence to grow again.

We want to keep that going now, starting against Bolton.

It's another big week for us – a tough Carling Cup game tonight before travelling to Chelsea at the weekend.

We want to do well in the Carling Cup this





year, so all our focus is on this game at the moment. It's just two days since the Stoke match, so the majority of the squad from Sunday will not be involved today of course. Most of them have just played three games in the space of a week, so a fourth one would certainly be a step too far. Look at the players who weren't even used at the weekend though, and you see there is plenty of quality available to us. We have Park, Rosicky, Benayoun, Frimpong, Coquelin, Oxlade-Chamberlain and others. We might also have the return of Vermaelen tonight. I haven't decided on the team yet, but I might have to use one or two of the defenders that played against Stoke again. With both Sagna and Jenkinson out injured at the moment, I will have to make a decision on who plays right-back. At the time of writing these notes though, I haven't decided on my option there yet. With four defenders out we are short defensively at the moment, but we do have plenty of options going forward.

Oxlade-Chamberlain played very well in the third round win over Shrewsbury, and people might be surprised he hasn't featured more since then. As you know, I have plenty of options up front and we were under massive pressure lately, so I thought it a bit unfair to put a young player under so much pressure when he comes from the outside into a team whose backs are to the wall. We have some things to work on with him in training as well, so all that together explains why he hasn't played much. Don't forget though that he played against Olympiacos and scored, and he scored against Shrewsbury, so hopefully he can score





## The Manager

# Arsène WENGER



### BORN

Strasbourg, France,  
October 22, 1949

### CLUBS AS A PLAYER

Mutzig, Mulhouse,  
Strasbourg

### CLUBS AS A MANAGER/COACH

Strasbourg (Youth),  
Cannes (Assistant),  
Nancy, AS Monaco,  
Grampus Eight Nagoya

### JOINED ARSENAL

October 1, 1996

### FIRST MATCH AS MANAGER

v Blackburn R (a) league,  
Oct 12, 1996 (won 2-0)

### HONOURS AS A COACH

(With Monaco) French  
League Title 1988; French  
Cup 1991; 'Manager Of  
The Year' 1988 (With  
Grampus); Emperor's Cup  
1996; Japanese Super  
Cup 1996; Manager Of  
The Year' 1995. (With  
Arsenal): League Title  
1998, 2002, 2004; FA  
Cup 1998, 2002, 2003,  
2005; Charity/Comm  
Shield 1998, 1999, 2002,  
2004; 'Manager Of The  
Year'; 1998, 2002, 2004

again tonight.

The players showed they are up for this competition in the comeback against Shrewsbury in the last round, and we want to go as far as we can again. We will put the effort in tonight. We are on a good run so we want to keep that going in all competitions. We will be playing in front of our own fans

I thought it a bit unfair to put a young player [Chamberlain] under so much pressure

again, and we want to deliver a win for them.

Three games ago people were asking me whether we would be fighting against relegation this season. I said no because I am confident in the potential of this team. The first step though was for us to get back into a better position, and we have improved our home form.

So I'm confident, though I'm sure you would say to me I'm always confident, but I deeply believe that this team can go far because they really put the effort in. The spirit is there, the effort is there and you saw that again against Stoke. We didn't turn up half-hearted after the Champions league game. They put a fantastic effort in again.

The players really appreciate your support here at Emirates, and I know we can rely on that again tonight. Enjoy the match.■







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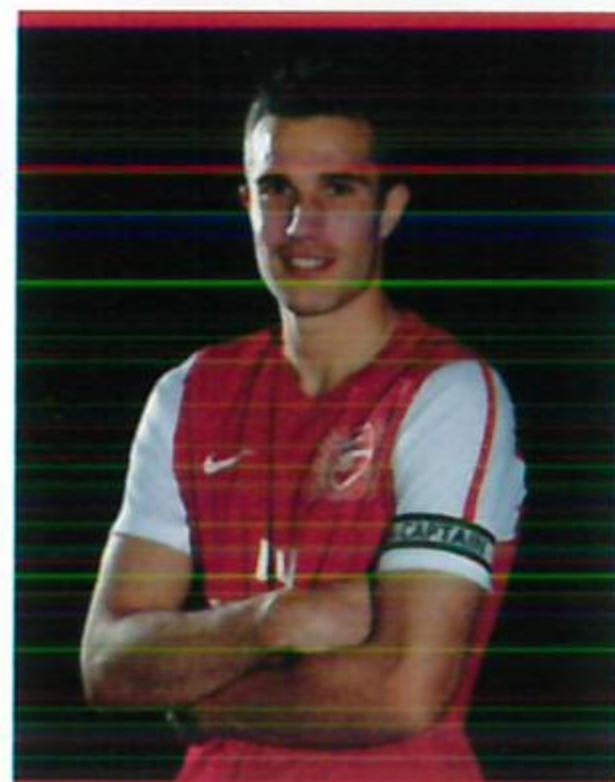
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The Captain

# Robin VAN PERSIE



IN SUNDAY'S NOTES  
I SPOKE ABOUT  
REACTING WELL TO  
DISAPPOINTMENTS  
DURING A GAME



And that's exactly what we did against Stoke.

There was plenty to deal with after they equalised. They were taking their time on throw-ins, goal kicks and things, and it was off-putting – you find yourself thinking: "Come on, let's just play the game, so many people have come here to watch!" When you feel your time is coming in a game you really have to go after it and be decisive, otherwise you're in trouble. We made it count and deserved the points.

It was great to come on and score twice –

The real  
difference on  
Sunday was  
Gervinho

they were nice striker's goals, coming to the front post and meeting the ball. Perhaps they weren't beauties but I'll sign up for goals like that any day, because at 1-1 in a tight game like that you just have to find a way to win. I think the real difference on Sunday was Gervinho though – he scored a really good goal in the first-half and obviously set both of mine up. Two big assists and a big goal in a game like that against very tough opponents shows that he is capable of doing big things. He has so much ability in his body, and a certain way of changing his speed in the middle of a movement that lets him get away from people. That gives him an extra edge, and he used it very well – I'm really pleased for him.

Starting on the bench was something that had been on the radar for a couple of days. I had a chat with our physio Colin Lewin and the boss, we looked at our schedule and decided it would be best to have a rest because the season is long and there are many tests ahead. I came on and had to settle into the game – in the first five or six minutes I was playing up front with Gervinho →

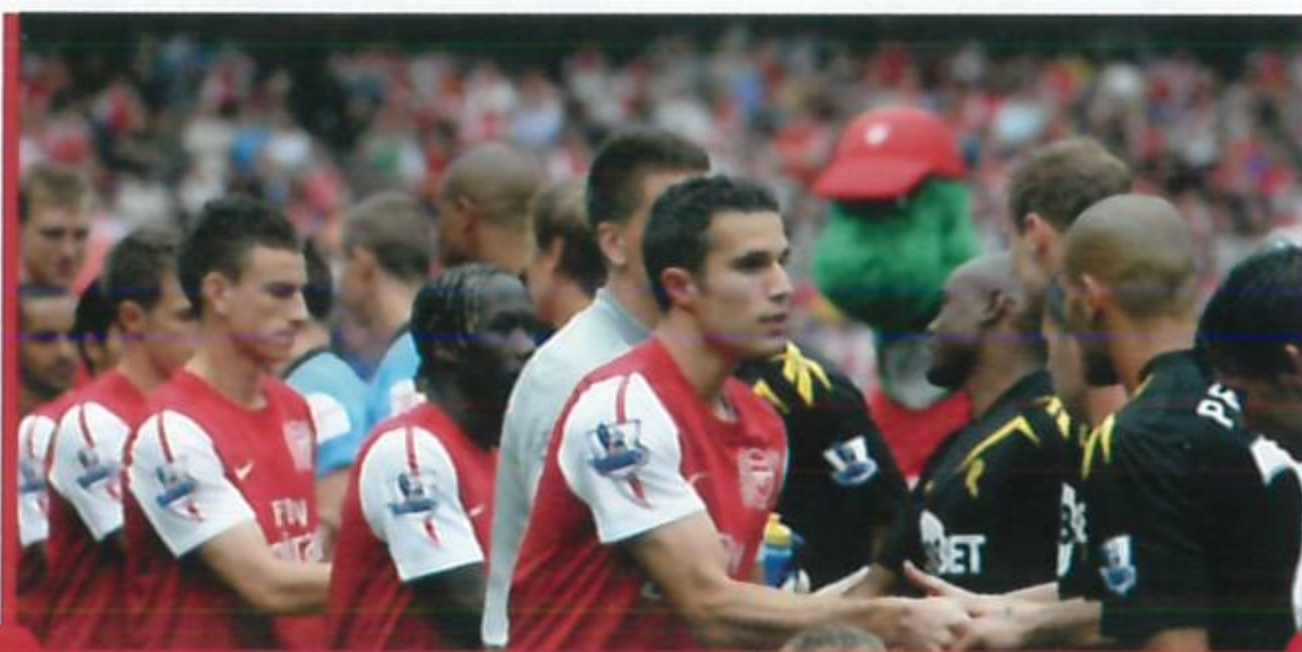






## The Captain

# Robin VAN PERSIE



and Aaron was on the left, before Andrey came on and things changed again. We all had an impact in the end, and it paid off; you're never sure beforehand but it worked out well, because we won the game and I'm still fresh!

Alex Song took the captaincy for the day and really responded to it. He was there before the game, screaming for everyone to be ready and focussed, and you could see how seriously he was taking it. He did really well and everybody was pleased with the job he did.

Overall, I think you can tell that we're slowly getting better. It's a process, of course,

What's special for me is that they are [the young players] not scared

but we're improving in every single game. As I said the other day, that comes because the basics from the back forwards are right now – everyone knows what to do and is dealing with his responsibilities. That's the basis to grow from; you only need a couple of moments to win a game as long as the simple things are right, and we know we can always land a punch.

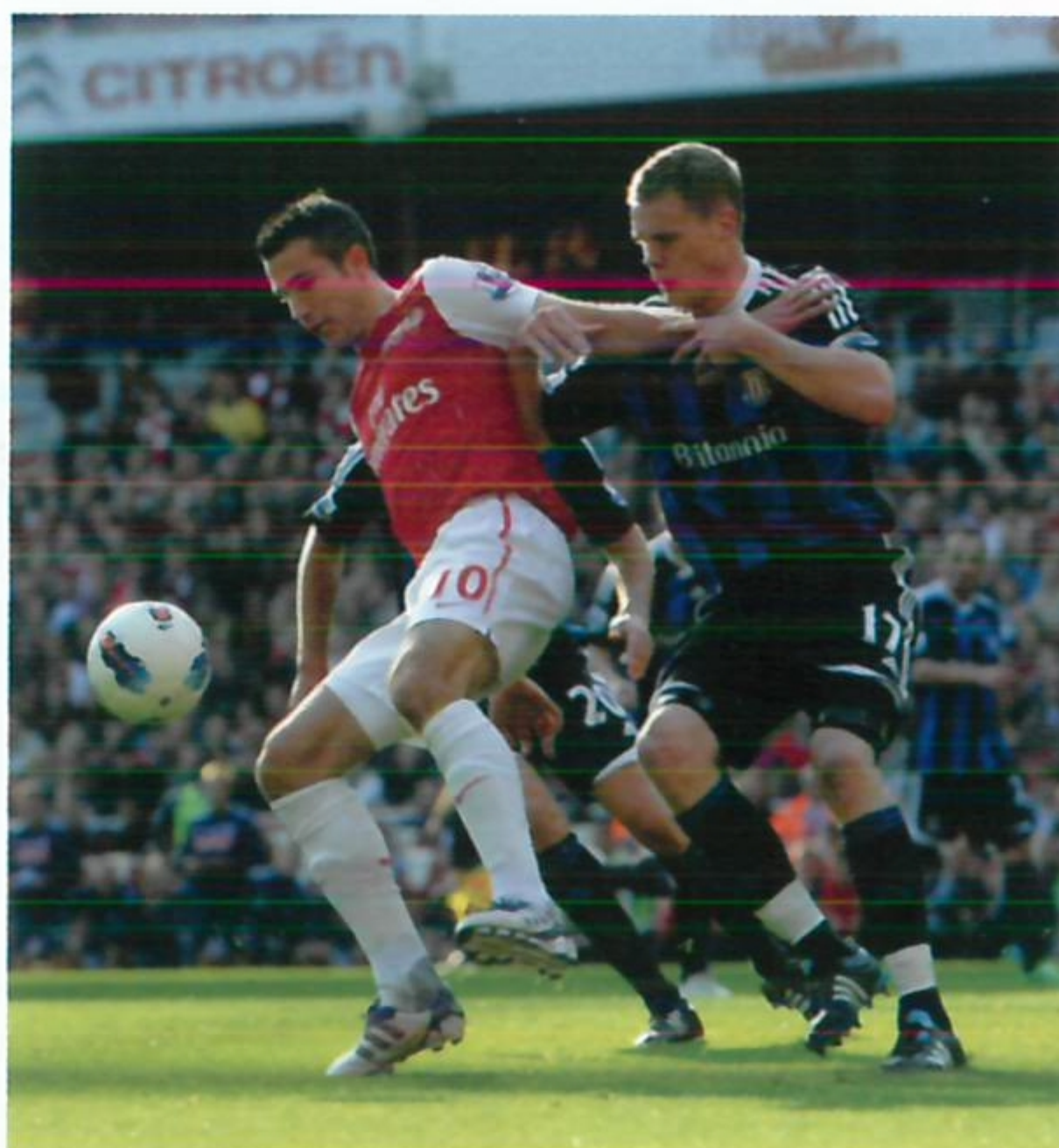
It was another nice win on what was a remarkable day in the Premier League – I was shocked when I came into the dressing room and heard that Manchester City had won 6-1 at Old Trafford. It just goes to show that anything can happen in this division, which is encouragement for us and the thing

that makes it great.

Tonight's game is a great one for our younger players who usually get the chance to feature in the Carling Cup and I'm very much looking forward to seeing the guys play. They had a really nice game against Shrewsbury in the last round and you saw lots of young players, big talents, make a real impact. I've trained with most of them, and watched them play, so I can tell you that there is a lot of talent in these players. What's special for me is that they are not scared – whether they're playing at Emirates Stadium or the training ground, all they know is to play their football and enjoy it.

I'm excited to see how they'll do against what is a very good Bolton side – it's another step for them and a big test, so we should be in for an interesting evening and I've no doubt they'll perform well.

Thank you for coming out to support Arsenal once again – it's been a big run of home games recently and you have been such a great boost to us. Enjoy the evening, and let's hope we are celebrating a place in the quarter-finals by the end of it.■



### BORN

Rotterdam, Netherlands

August 6, 1983

### PREVIOUS CLUB

Feyenoord

### JOINED ARSENAL

from Feyenoord on

May 17, 2004

### ARSENAL DEBUT

v Manchester United (n)

Community Shield,

August 8, 2004

(won 3-1)

### FIRST ARSENAL GOAL

v Manchester City (a)

League Cup, October 27,

2004 (won 2-1)

### ARSENAL HONOURS

Community Shield

Winner 2004, FA Cup

Winner's Medal 2005

### NETHERLANDS CAPS

60 (25 goals)



Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers



# Win Win Win

YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE HOME THIS EVENING'S MATCHBALL

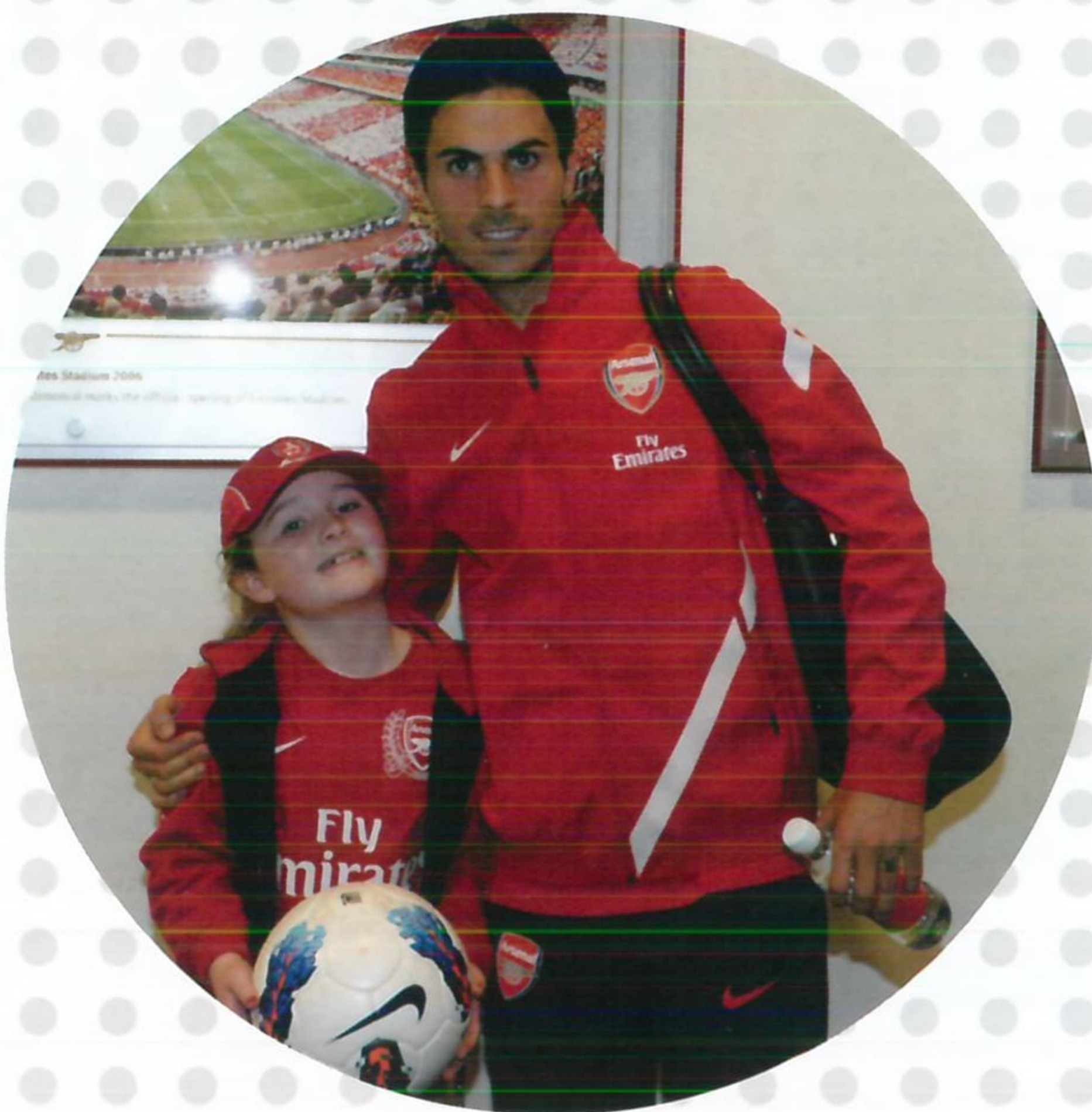
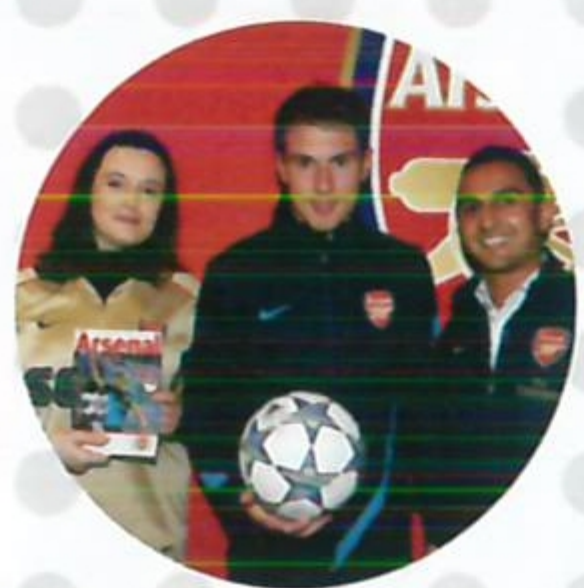
## IS YOUR NUMBER UP?

GunnersGaming by Betsson, is giving you the chance to go home with tonight's matchball – if the number on the back of your programme is read out by Arsène Wenger at half-time.

The ball will be presented to you, in the players' entrance, by one of the Gunners first team squad. If your number's called, head to the Media Entrance (next to The Armoury) after the game where an Arsenal representative will be waiting for you.

**CHECK YOUR NUMBER ON THE BACK OF TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME.**

**GOOD LUCK!**



**WHAT A CORCORAN!** Seven year-old ELLIE CORCORAN

from Ruislip was delighted when she checked her programme at Sunday's fixture versus Stoke City and realised she had the winning programme number. Ellie and dad Des were presented with the matchball by Mikel Arteta at full-time... after Ellie had a cuddle with Gunnersaurus!





# VOICE

OF ARSENAL FOOTBALL CLUB

## BRIEFS

### QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

The draw for this season's Carling Cup quarter-finals will be made this Saturday,

**October  
29**

on Sky Sports' Soccer Saturday programme – so, if you support tonight's winners, make sure you keep your eyes peeled to see who you'll be watching in the last eight!

CARLING CUP



### EMIRATES CELEBRATES 150 GAMES – AND 200 GOALS

As you may have read in Sunday's matchday programme, the 3-1 win over Stoke brought up our 150th competitive game at Emirates Stadium – and, in a neat coincidence, our 100th Premier League match here. Amazingly, another milestone was reached too – Robin van

Persie's first goal, Arsenal's second, was our 200th Premier League goal at Emirates, meaning that we now average just a shade over two top-flight goals per game here. In those 150 games, Arsenal have won 106 times, drawn 32 and lost 12 – scoring 327 times and conceding 102. ■



### BALDWIN'S BONANZA

Arsenal's first-ever League Cup goal was scored by Tommy Baldwin in a 1-1 draw with Gillingham on September 13, 1966. He scored again in the first replay (1-1) and then twice in the second replay (won 5-0). ■



### TONIGHT'S GAME

This evening's Carling Cup Fourth Round tie between Arsenal and Bolton Wanderers is a straight knock-out with no scope for a replay. If the sides are level after 90 minutes, a 30-minute period of extra-time will be played – and if there's still no resolution, the match will be decided through penalty kicks. ■



a good week for...



## GERVINHO

Scored his first goal at Emirates for the Gunners

### BE CLEAR ON BOWEL CANCER

Arsenal in the Community and the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation are working together to support the Be Clear on Cancer health initiative, run by North Central London and West Essex Cancer Commissioning Network, which aims to raise awareness of the symptoms of bowel cancer and the importance of early

diagnosis. Bowel Cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in the UK and we need people like you to support us in getting the message out into the local community. If you want to find or more or get involved please contact Samir Singh on 020 7704 4158 or email [ssingh@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:ssingh@arsenal.co.uk).

### THOMAS SIGNS NEW DEAL!

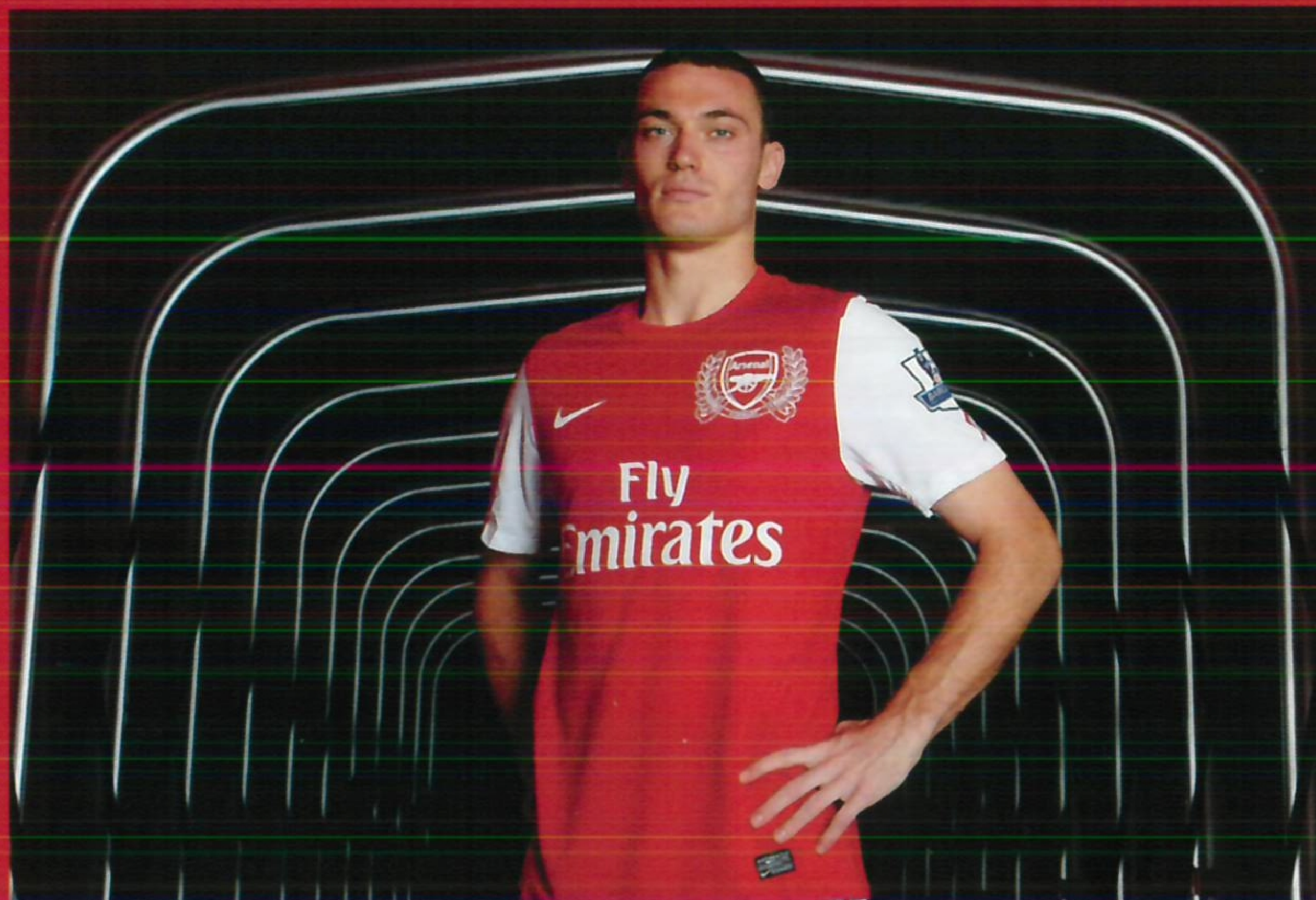
There was good news for all Gooners last week when Belgian centre-back Thomas Vermaelen signed a new long-term contract with the Club.

The 25 year-old, who is closing in on a return after injury – and may even be involved in tonight's match – had made 54 appearances for the Gunners since joining from Ajax in the summer of 2009 – being named in the PFA Premier League Team of the Season for his debut season before unfortunately missing much of last term with a troublesome plantaris tendon problem.

Now, fans can look forward to seeing the popular Belgium international captain in action on a longer-term basis after he put pen to paper.

Upon signing his new deal, Thomas said: "I am really happy to have signed a new contract with Arsenal. I always had the intention to stay here. I feel there is a big belief in me from the Club, from the boss and from the fans and that is one of the reasons why I stayed."

Congratulations Thomas – and we look forward to seeing him in the famous red and white for years to come.



### IT'S TIME TO TALK, IT'S TIME TO CHANGE

Mental health problems affect one in four of us.

World Mental Health Day, which took place earlier this month, aims to raise public

awareness about mental health issues

while reducing the stigma attached to those suffering from

mental health

disorders. Arsenal in the Community's

programme entitled 'How are you feeling today?'

offers football sessions twice a week

for service users at Islington Mind and the

Camden and Islington Foundation Trust.

Time to Change, run by the charities Mind and Rethink and funded

with £16m from the Big Lottery Fund and £4.5m

from Comic Relief and the Premier League, is

England's biggest ever attempt to end the

stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Start your conversation today at [facebook.com/timetochange](https://facebook.com/timetochange) or

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help available

locally, visit

[www.candi.nhs.uk](http://www.candi.nhs.uk).



## BRIEFS

### THANKS FANS

Thank you to everyone who stayed behind on Saturday to watch our Under-18 side record a keenly-fought 1-0 win over Chelsea. Zak Ansah's goal just before the break separated the sides and Steve Bould and his players were highly appreciative of your support.



Zak Ansah

### AN EMIRATES BABY!

Congratulations to Adam and Laura on the birth of their Son, Zack Adam Hoyle who made his appearance into the world on Saturday, September 10. Laura's waters broke inside the Emirates Stadium, 33 minutes into the 1-0 victory over Swansea, meaning they had to make a quick exit to the nearest hospital in Islington! Zack was born healthy and well five hours later. They would like to thanks all on the day that offered their support. No excuses now, Zack is a Gooner for life!



## CAPTAIN SONG!

With Robin van Persie starting Sunday's game against Stoke on the bench, Alex Song skippered Arsenal for the first time – and spoke of his pride at donning the coveted armband after the game. At the match's conclusion, he said: "I am very proud. If somebody had said to me six or seven years ago that I would be captain for Arsenal I would never have believed them. But today I am very happy because I can show to the boss that I am one of the leaders in the team – we have many players who can do the job." Alex was the fifth player to have captained Arsenal this season, following Robin, Thomas Vermaelen, Tomas Rosicky and Johan Djourou. ■

## FACTS

★ **Arsenal and Bolton Wanderers have never faced one another in a League Cup tie** ★ The sides have played 14 FA Cup ties though: Arsenal wins 6, Bolton wins 4, draws 4 ★ **This will be the 132nd meeting of Arsenal and Bolton** ★ The Gunners have won six out of seven matches contested by these two teams at Emirates Stadium



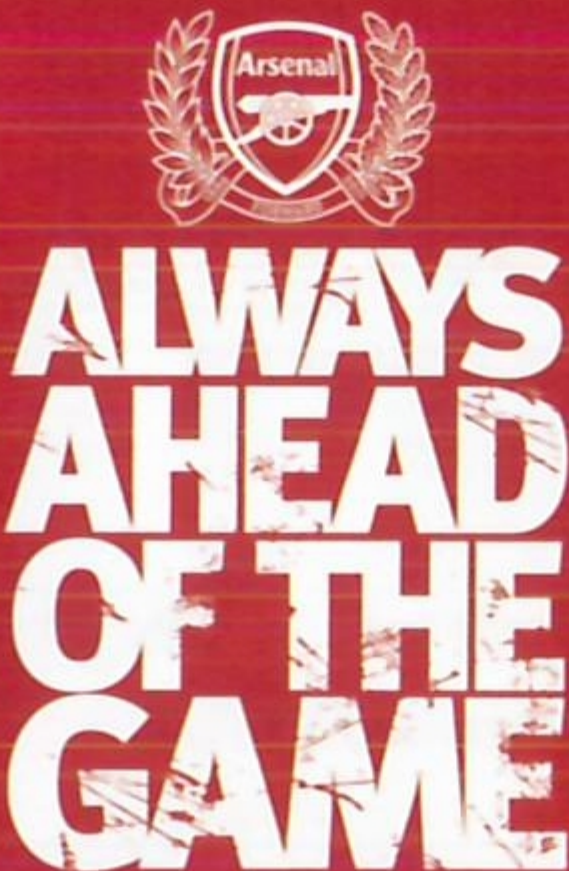
### PLAYERS ENGAGE WITH ASIAN FANS

First team players Mikel Arteta, Abou Diaby, Yossi Benayoun and Vito Mannone recently spent some time at the Club’s training ground at London Colney participating in live web chats with supporters in China via online community QQ. In pairs, the players spent time answering questions from supporters based in China, one of the countries visited during the pre-season tour which saw a phenomenal reaction and level of support. The two half-hour sessions were incredibly popular, with hundreds of thousands of questions asked by millions of participants.



### ARSENAL ALWAYS AHEAD OF THE GAME VIP

In each matchday programme this season an Arsenal Member is selected at random to receive a very special Gunners reward. Tonight’s lucky winner is Gold Member **Edward Gillson** from St Albans, who receives a copy of this matchday programme signed by cover star Gervinho! Congratulations, Edward.



## STATS

#### Top scorers

|               |              |   |
|---------------|--------------|---|
| Jay Rodriguez | Burnley      | 5 |
| Ramon Nunez   | Leeds United | 4 |
| Ruben Rochina | Blackburn    | 3 |
| Ryan Lowe     | Bury         | 3 |
| Don Cowie     | Cardiff City | 3 |

#### Top assists

|                  |                |   |
|------------------|----------------|---|
| Lionel Ainsworth | Shrewsbury     | 5 |
| Craig Conway     | Cardiff City   | 3 |
| Wilfried Zaha    | Crystal Palace | 2 |
| Lee Holmes       | Southampton    | 2 |
| Scott Malone     | Bournemouth    | 2 |

#### Shots (Club)

| Club         | ON | OFF | HW |
|--------------|----|-----|----|
| Burnley      | 46 | 36  | 0  |
| Nottm Forest | 26 | 21  | 1  |
| Blackburn    | 29 | 17  | 1  |
| Cardiff City | 27 | 16  | 2  |
| Rochdale     | 22 | 21  | 0  |

#### Shots (Player)

|               |                | ON | OFF | HW |
|---------------|----------------|----|-----|----|
| Jay Rodriguez | Burnley        | 11 | 11  | 0  |
| Ross Wallace  | Burnley        | 6  | 6   | 0  |
| Ashley Grimes | Rochdale       | 7  | 4   | 0  |
| Calvin Andrew | Crystal Palace | 8  | 2   | 0  |
| Kyle Bennett  | Doncaster      | 5  | 5   | 3  |

#### Players used

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Middlesbrough  | 28 |
| Preston        | 26 |
| Cardiff City   | 26 |
| Wolves         | 25 |
| Leicester City | 25 |

HW = Hit woodwork



# Club Information

## Tickets & Travel

TICKET INFORMATION ON THE GUNNERS' FORTHCOMING GAMES

### HOME TICKETS



ARSENAL V  
OLYMPIQUE MARSEILLE

#### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MATCHDAY FOUR

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011
- KICK-OFF 7.45pm
- Gold Members: This fixture is counted as the third of the seven FA Cup and/or Champions League games (cup tie credits) that are included within the cost of your season ticket.
- Tickets are on general sale.



ARSENAL V  
WEST BROMWICH ALBION

#### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011
- KICK-OFF 3pm
- Tickets are on general sale.



ARSENAL V  
BORUSSIA DORTMUND

#### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MATCHDAY FIVE

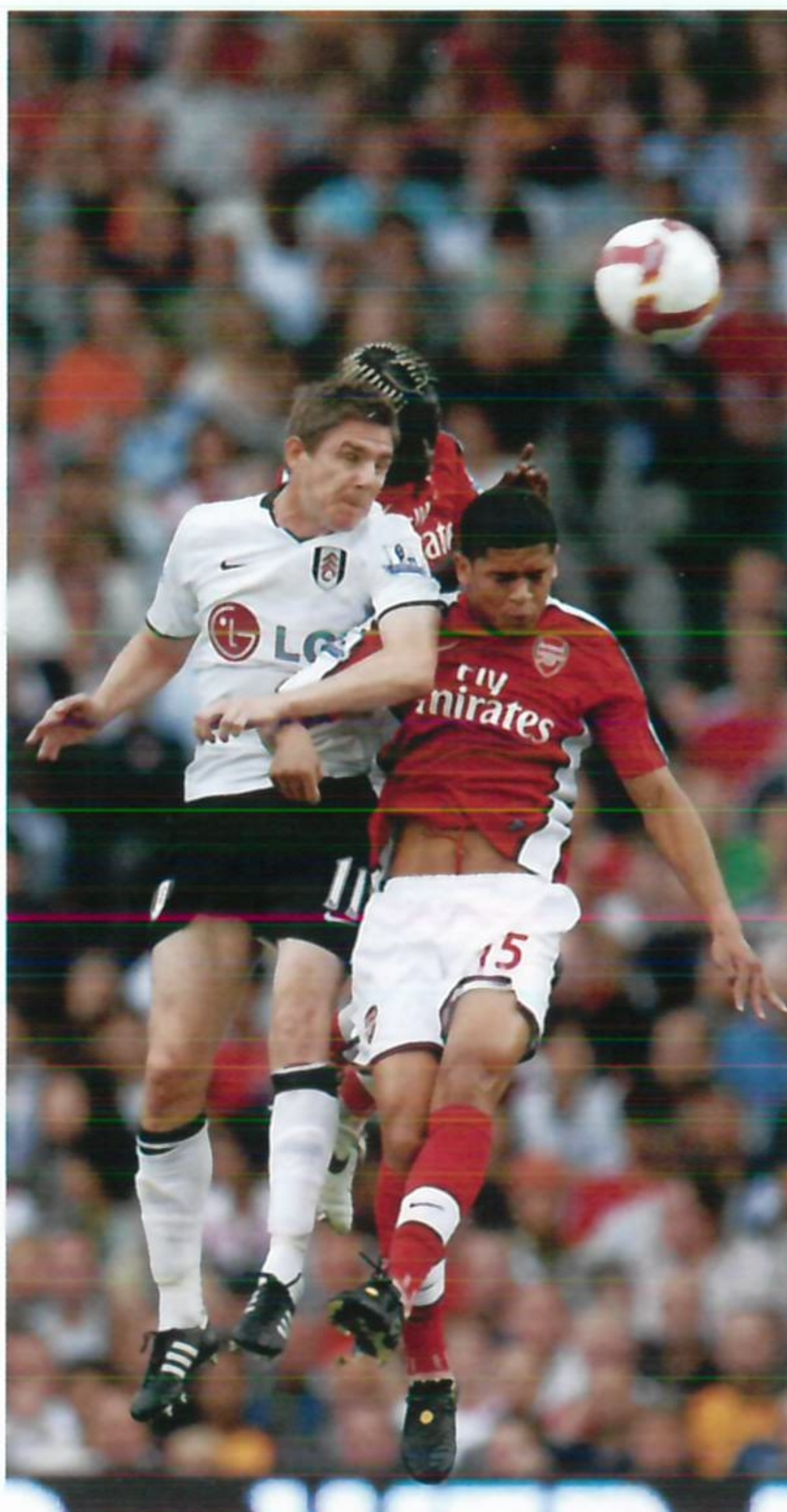
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011
- KICK-OFF 7.45pm
- Gold Members: This fixture is counted as the fourth of the seven FA Cup and/or Champions League games (cup tie credits) that are included within the cost of your season ticket.
- Tickets on sale to Silver and Junior Gunner Members only.
- Any remaining tickets went on sale to Red Members yesterday.



ARSENAL V FULHAM

#### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011
- KICK-OFF 5.30pm
- LIVE ON ESPN
- Tickets are on sale to Silver Members and Junior Gunners only. Remaining tickets will go on sale to Red Members at 10am on Wednesday, October 26, 2011.
- Visit [www.arsenal.com/tickets](http://www.arsenal.com/tickets) for home fixture sale details in November and December



### IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION

Online and telephone bookings close between **11pm – 4am** on a daily basis. Booking fees apply when purchasing tickets. \***Concession** = 16 and under or 65 and over. The coaches we use are all wheelchair accessible.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Domestic travel can be purchased online – visit [www.arsenal.com/travel](http://www.arsenal.com/travel) for more information.

#### FRIENDS & FAMILY SCHEME

Members can buy an additional four tickets and will receive paper tickets for those purchased via this scheme. We are unable to activate any membership cards once the Friends and Family sale period commences. When buying tickets for other Members, please ensure that each Member is assigned to your network prior to your transaction.





## AWAY TICKETS



### CHELSEA V ARSENAL

#### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- STAMFORD BRIDGE
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011
- KICK-OFF 12.45pm
- LIVE ON SKY
- **SOLD OUT**



### NORWICH CITY V ARSENAL

#### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

- CARROW ROAD
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011
- KICK-OFF 12.45pm
- LIVE ON SKY
- We will receive 2,500 tickets priced at Adults £45, Over-65 £35, Under-16 £25 & Under-12 £15.
- Tickets went on sale today to Platinum, Gold and Travel Club Members with 35+ Away Points. Visit [www.arsenal.com](http://www.arsenal.com) for further Priority Booking Periods.

#### → COACH TRAVEL

Adults – £21

\* Concessions – £16

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Non member adults – £26

Non member \*concessions – £21

#### → Departure times

→ Kingsferry (Gillingham) Travel Centre – 6.15am

→ Emirates Stadium (Queensland Rd) – 8.15am

→ Birchanger Green Services – 9.15am

Return journey to Emirates will take approximately two and a half hours.

Or

→ London Gateway – 8.15am

→ South Mimms Services – 8.45am

Return journey to London Gateway will take approximately two and a half hours.



### OLYMPIACOS V ARSENAL

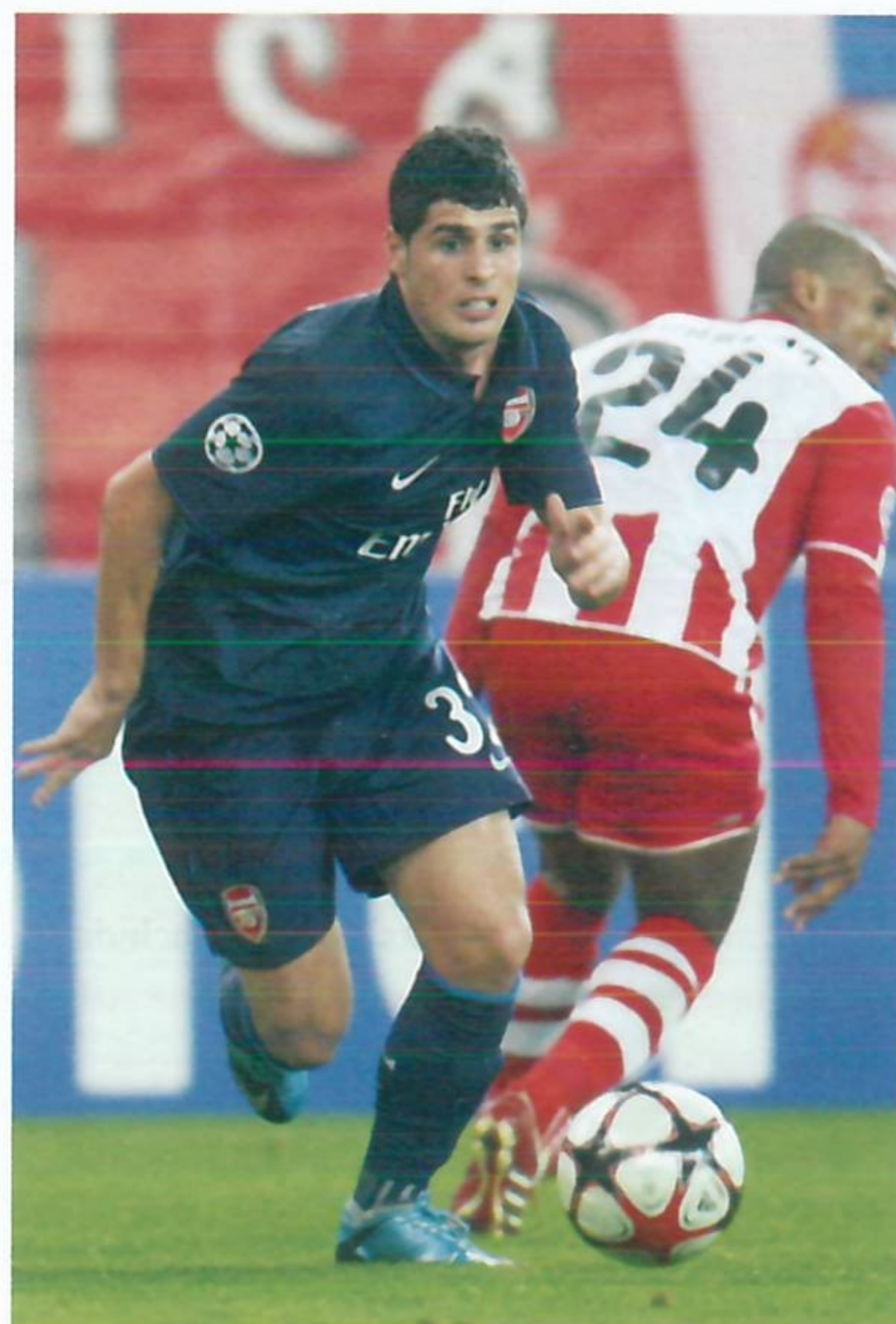
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## RYO MIYAICHI

EXCLUSIVE **INTERVIEW**

# 31



Arsenal fans haven't exactly been starved of new faces in recent months – but one, perhaps, holds an intrigue different from the others. We've already seen tantalising glimpses of 18 year-old Japanese winger Ryo, who came off the bench against Shrewsbury – but, with several of his team-mates having extolled the virtues of his exciting, off-the-cuff style of play, there's a hunger to see him in action on a more extended basis. Perhaps it's the excitement of the unknown – just a year ago, Ryo was

It's a big change in level so I feel I need to get used to the style of the game here

featuring in Japanese high school football, to which English fans have next to no exposure. If he can shrug off a minor injury, there's a chance he'll see action tonight – and when we caught up with him a few days ago to find out how the early days of life in England are treating him.

**Ryo, how are things shaping up for you ahead of this evening's game?**

Hopefully I can play a part against Bolton, a bit

of an injury has kept me out of training so I'd like to be back as soon as possible. First of all I need to make sure I've gone about my recovery correctly and that I am fit to play as soon as possible.

**If you make it, this will be your second game for the Gunners. Can you remember how you felt on your first, against Shrewsbury?**

Before I went onto the pitch that night I was ready for my dream to come true. I was expecting to be nervous, and to be honest my nerves were bigger than I expected once I got out there. I know there is a lot more for me to do in order to play regularly so it's important that I keep improving and learning from everything that happens to me.

**How's the culture shock been since arriving here from Japan?**

It wasn't a big shock really, especially because I spent six months in Holland with Feyenoord. The real shock was the difference in football between the Dutch league and the Premier League. It's a big change in level so I feel I need to get used to the style of the game here.

**Was that spell in Holland useful in your adaptation to western life?**

In many ways, yes. I was trying to speak English in Holland, because I had to, so my use of the language improved. But then it was a real shock to see the difference in accent here in London, and it's often very difficult to understand what people are saying!

WORDS NICK AMES **PHOTOGRAPHY** STUART MACFARLANE AND DAVID PRICE





**BORN**

Okazaki, Japan,  
December 14, 1992

**POSITION**

Forward

**PREVIOUS CLUBS**

Chukyodai Chuyko High  
School, Feyenoord (loan)



“My father  
was a  
baseball  
player and  
my mother  
was an  
athlete”

**JOINED ARSENAL**

from Chukyodai Chuyko  
High School on  
January 3, 2011

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# Player Feature

## **It must have been a big help football-wise too...**

Yes, I was happy with how it went. It was the first professional season for me and I knew that I'd try my best – I played with confidence and was happy with how much I achieved. The fans seemed to really appreciate me and I was pleased about that.

## **You came to Europe straight from Japanese high school football. To us, that seems an**



## **unusual career path for a footballer. Can you tell us more about your progression?**

In Japan, if you want to be a footballer there are two options. One is to join the youth team of a J-League club and the other is to join a high school team. I chose the latter and trained with the intention of becoming a professional. I have always wanted to play overseas, but if I'd joined a J-League youth team I'd have had to go on and play in that league. I grew up watching those teams and it would have been great to play there too, but I aspired to move abroad.

## **That chance came, with trials at Arsenal and others...**

I had the pleasure of joining different teams for training, but last August I was invited to spend time at Arsenal and felt that I really wanted to play for this club. Finally I won a contract here – I haven't done anything yet,





## 31. Ryo Miyaichi



though, and really want to go further.

**You're known for your pace, but what other facets of your game have you developed in your short time here?**

If I was to say 'everything' I think that would be right. I have been learning technique, tactics and physicality, and there have been a lot of new things over the past few months. I believe in Arsenal and know that I will get better as my time here continues.

**We gather you come from good sporting stock?**

Well, I had been playing sports for as long as I can remember – my father was a baseball player and my mother was an athlete too, so I've had this family influence since childhood. My younger brother now plays in the same high school as I went to, so there is a lot of family involvement in sports.

**You wear your first name, 'Ryo', on the back of your shirt – tell us how that came about?**

In Holland I didn't understand that I'd been given the choice of 'Ryo' or 'Miyaichi' on my shirts. The question must have been 'Which one do you want?', but I just said Ryo because that was what everyone called me. Then, when I saw my shirt, I understood what they'd asked – ever since then the fans started simply calling me Ryo. The shorter the name, the easier for everyone to remember, so I decided it would be the same here too!

**Finally, how are you adapting to life in London itself? Have you integrated into the big Japanese community here?**

The first time I came to England was last August – back then I was only going between my hotel and the training ground and saw little of the city. Now I can see that there are many Japanese people here, and Japanese supermarkets too. English food has been a shock – I think it makes me more certain that Japanese food is the best in the world! But life is good here, in all aspects, and I know I have all that I need to concentrate on my football. ■





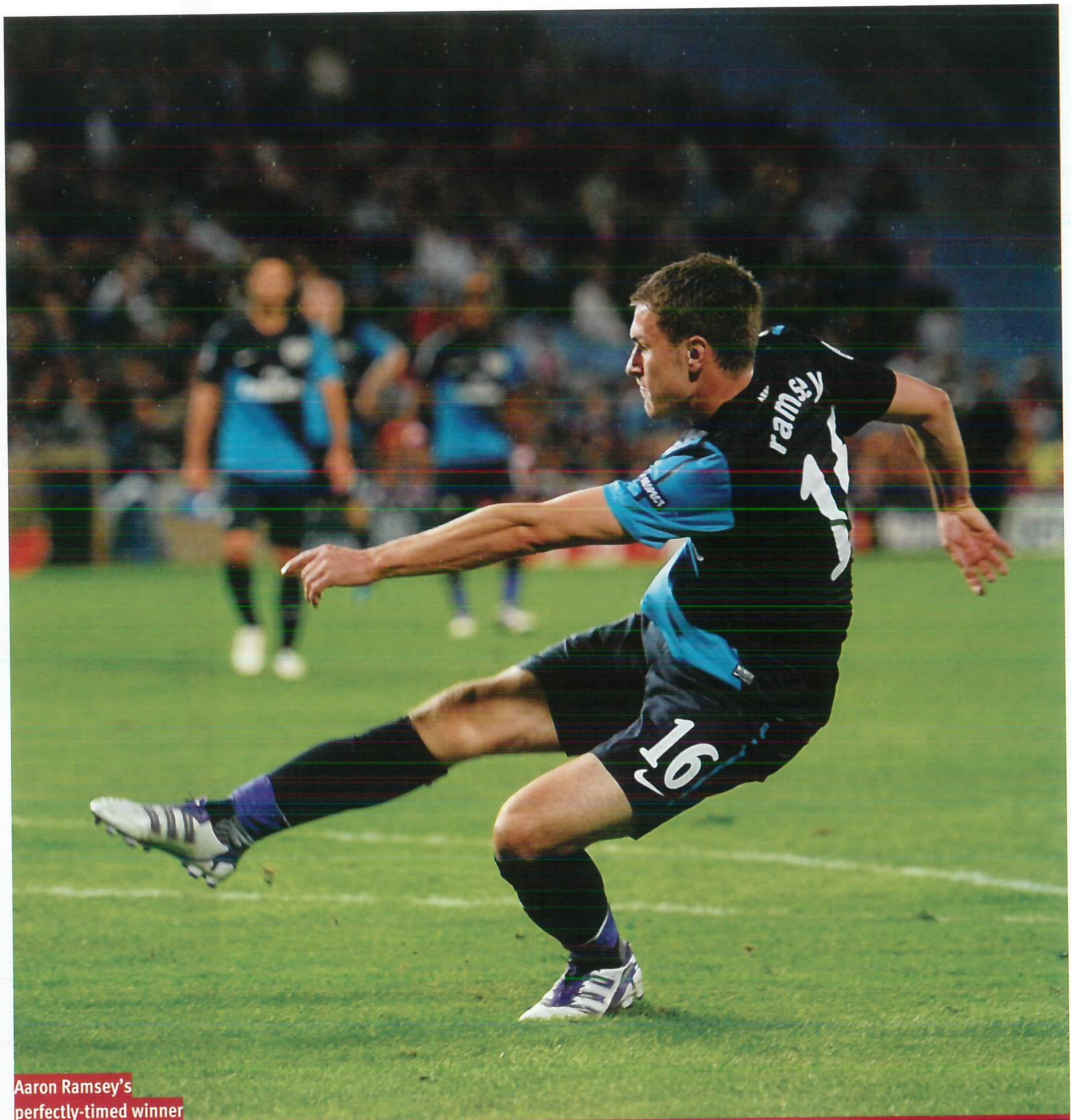
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# Match Action



Aaron Ramsey's perfectly-timed winner

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Ramsey 90

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Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers

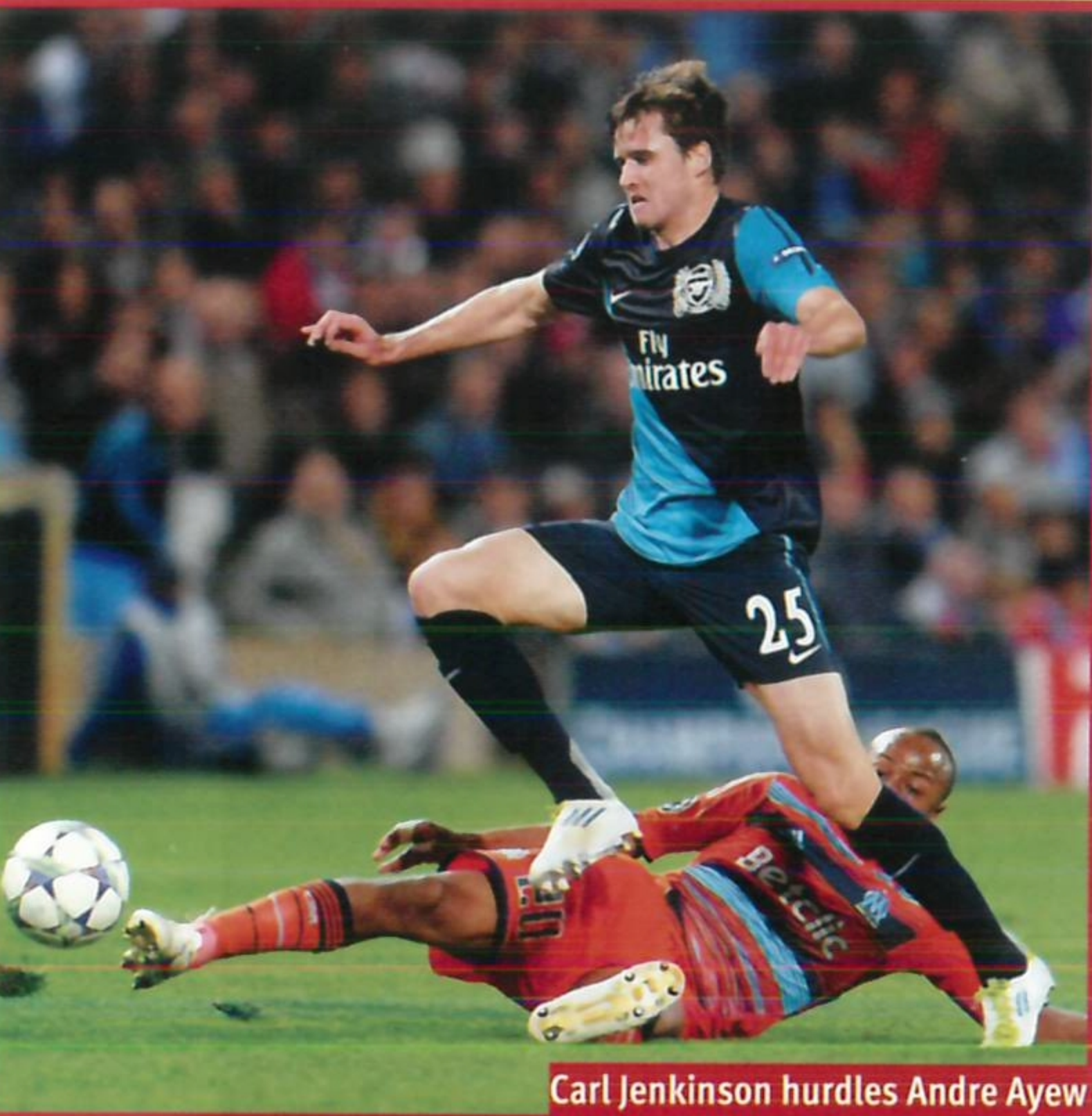
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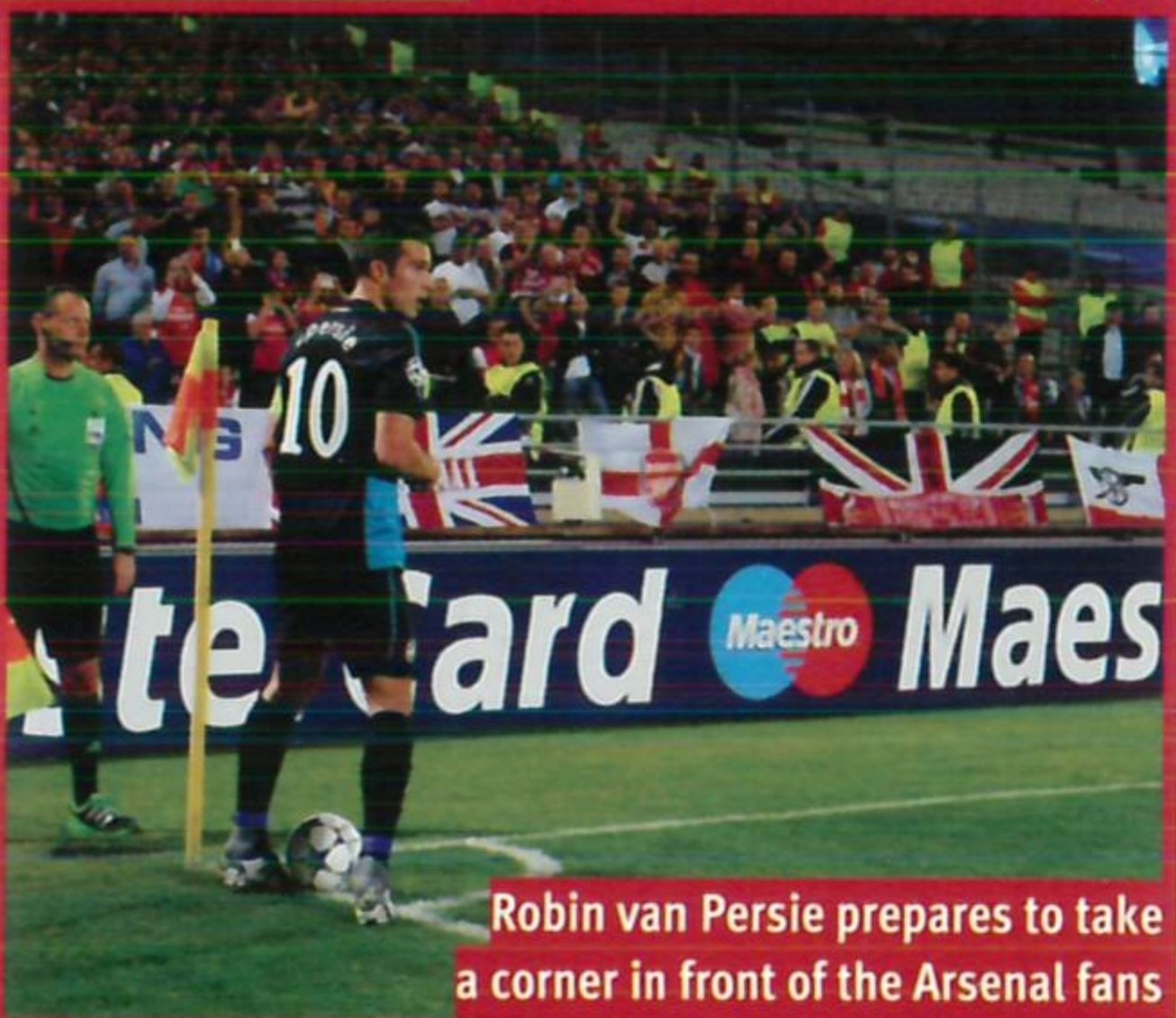
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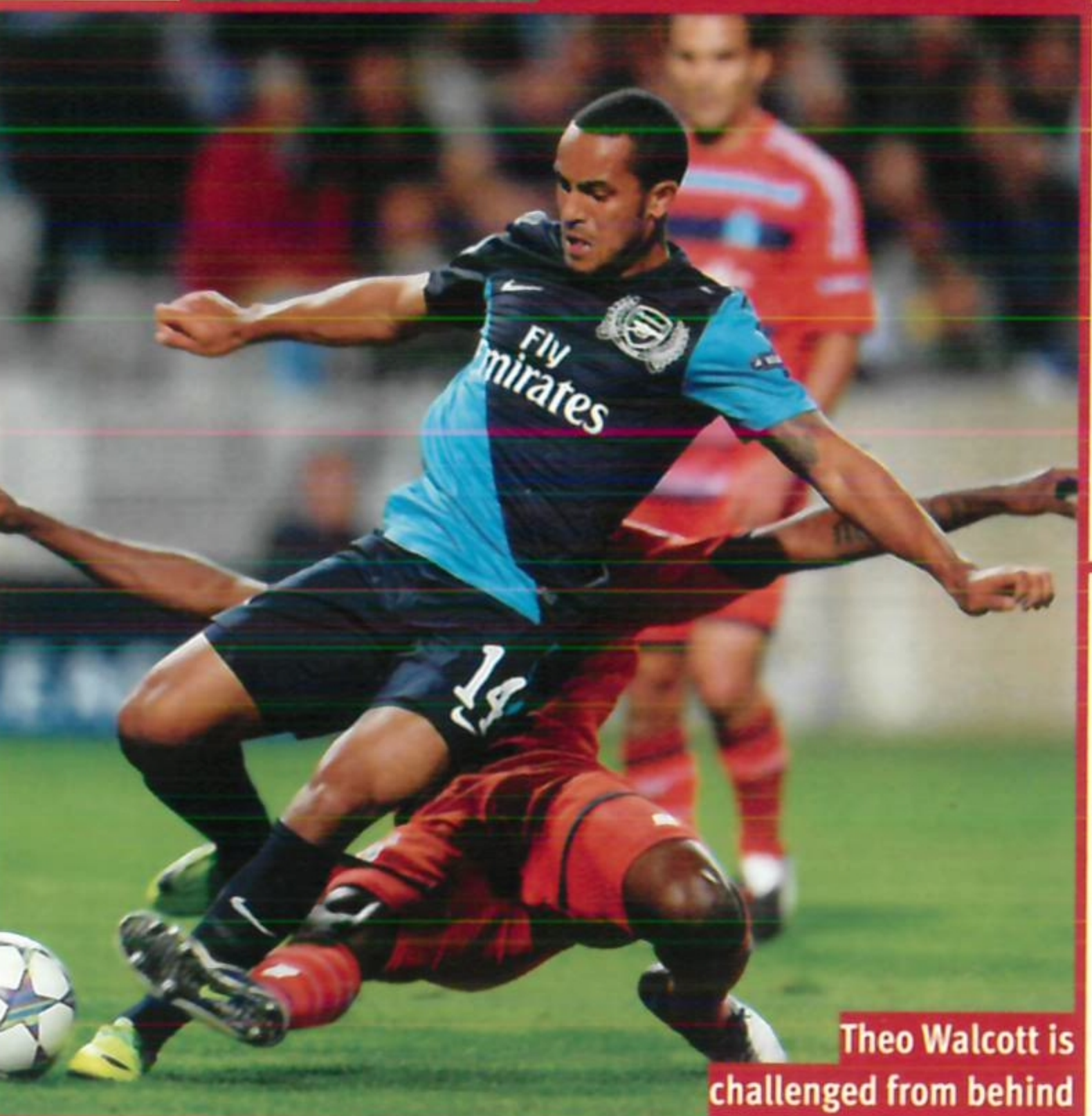
# Match Action



Carl Jenkinson hurdles Andre Ayew



Robin van Persie prepares to take a corner in front of the Arsenal fans



Theo Walcott is challenged from behind

GAME NO  
14

AWAY FANS  
1,400



 Aaron Ramsey's late, late strike earned three points in France, as the Gunners took a giant step towards qualifying for the knock out stages of the Champions League.

The visitors looked to have been thwarted by a dogged Marseille side, despite enjoying more of the possession in the Stade Velodrome, but in injury-time Ramsey found himself all alone at the far post, and he expertly steered home Johan Djourou's deep cross low into the net.

There had been few clear cut chances prior to that. Both sides had shouts for penalties in the first-half for handball, but other than that the defences – with Laurent Koscielny especially impressive – were on top.

Theo Walcott was through on goal in the second-half, but Steve Mandanda blocked his low effort. Mandanda was to the rescue again in the final minutes, keeping out Robin van Persie's right-footed strike.

With virtually the last kick of the game though, substitute Ramsey found the net, and therefore sent Arsenal top of the group. Another victory in the home match next week will ensure progression from the group.■

**Arsenal** Szczesny, Jenkinson (Djourou 62), Mertesacker, Koscielny, Santos, Song, Rosicky, Arteta, Arshavin (Ramsey 78), Walcott (Gervinho 67), Van Persie **Subs not used** Fabianski, Coquelin, Benayoun, Chamakh  
★Shots on 5 ★Shots off 1  
★Corners 9 ★Offsides 4 ★Fouls 13  
★Yellow cards Santos, Song, Djourou

**Marseille** Mandanda, Azpilicueta, N'Koulou, Morel, Diawara, Diarra, Cheyrou (Kabore 87), Gonzalez (Amalfitano 73), Valbuena, Ayew, Remy (Gignac 69) **Subs not used** Bracigliano, Traore, Sabo, Roland  
★Shots on 2 ★Shots off 5  
★Corners 1 ★Offsides 4 ★Fouls 14  
★Yellow cards Ayew, Diawara, Gignac

Arsenal celebrate three more Group F points







# Inside Arsenal







## DETAILS OF HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED LOCALLY OVER THE NEXT WEEK



Arsenal in the Community continues to diversify and offers a range of activities for youngsters in the local area, making a real and positive difference to the lives of many young people.

### FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS 1 2 3 4

We run free evening football sessions and after school homework clubs for 10 to 18 year olds in partnership with Homes for Islington on the following estates:

**Market Road, Girdlestone, Highbury**  
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**Six Acres, McCall and Hollins, King Square,**  
**Harvist, Baxter and Mitchison, Crouch Hall**  
**Court.**

Call **020 7704 4155/4114**  
or email [adavid@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:adavid@arsenal.co.uk) or  
[dmiller@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:dmiller@arsenal.co.uk)

5 Free football sessions take place in Islington, Camden, Hackney and Westminster for 11-18 year-olds:

**Elthorne Park, N19:** Monday, Wednesday

and Thursday 6pm to 9pm

**Rosemary Gardens, N1:** Monday and Friday  
5pm to 6.30pm (ages 11-14);  
6.30pm to 8pm (ages 14-18)

**Girls-only sessions** on Tuesday and Friday.  
Call **020 7704 4145** or email  
[jmonteith@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:jmonteith@arsenal.co.uk)

**Gascoyne Estate:** Tuesday and Friday  
4.30pm to 7.30pm

**Blue Hut, Provost Street, N1:**  
Monday and Wednesday 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
**City Academy School:** Sunday 9.30am to  
12.30pm

**London Fields Cage:** Monday 6.30pm to  
8.30pm Call 020 7704 4160

**Castlehaven Pitch, NW1:** Monday, 4pm to  
6pm and Thursday 4pm to 7pm

**Rowley Way Pitch, NW8:** Tuesday and Friday  
4.30pm to 7.30pm

**Academy Sport, Harrow Road, W2:**

Wednesday and Sunday 4pm to 7pm.

Friday 5pm to 7pm: Street Dance (girls only)  
Call **020 7704 4140** or

email [jironside@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:jironside@arsenal.co.uk)

### BE SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT!

We've teamed up with Islington Council Community Safety Team, London Fire Brigade, the Met Police and Islington Trading Standards to raise awareness and promote the safe use of fireworks. Last year's campaign saw a reduction in the number of firework related calls to the police and other agencies. To minimise accidents, follow the firework code. If you suspect a shop in Islington is selling to under age youngsters, call Trading Standards on **020 7527 3198**.

### FIREWORK CODE

Only buy fireworks marked:

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Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.

Follow instructions and use a taper to light

Keep fireworks in a closed box, never in your

pocket. Stand well back. Never go back to a lit

firework even if it hasn't gone off – it could

still explode. Never throw fireworks Keep pets

indoors Always supervise children and no

sparklers for the under fives. Pictured 6

is last year's winner of the 'Be Safe'

poster competition .

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Always Ahead of the Game



# QUIZ

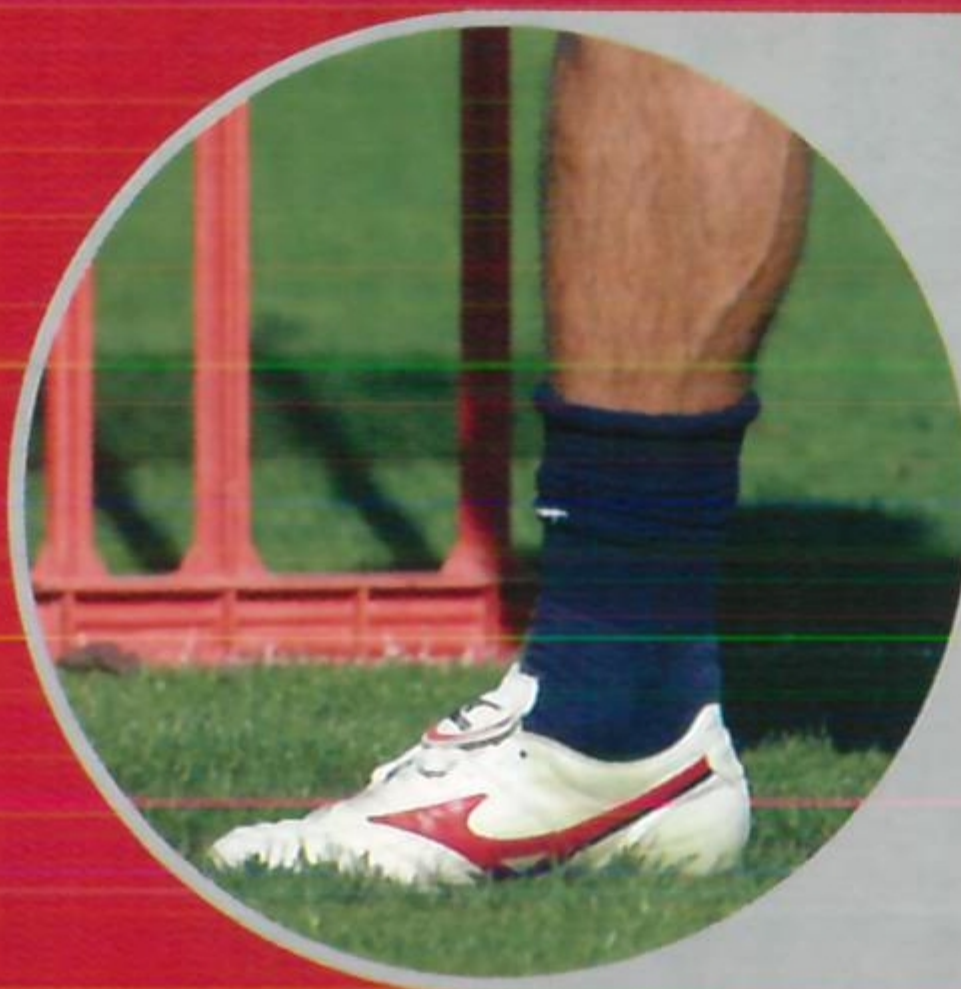
## WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

Which Arsenal player...

chose his shirt number because of his parents' house number?



- 1** Who is shown here, scoring one of his two goals in the game?
- 2** What stadium was the game played at?
- 3** Which World Cup winner played up front for Bolton?
- 4** What competition was the match in?
- 5** What season was the game played?



### WHOSE BOOTS ARE THESE?

Name the first teamer with these shooting boots

### WHO ARE WE?



WHICH THREE PLAYERS ARE PICTURED IN THIS COLLAGE?

EACH ANSWER IS A...  
**SEASON**

- When did Arsenal first win the Premier League?
- When did Arsenal last win a European trophy?
- When did Abou Diaby join Arsenal?
- When did Thierry Henry become the record goalscorer?

**DOUBLE CLUB CHALLENGE** The Double Club is Arsenal in the Community's award winning education programme. Whose squad number is this? ★ Start with 16 ★ -1 ★ Divide by 3 ★ x20 ★ Square root ★ +39 ★ Divide by 7 ★ Square it ★ +1 ★ -21



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# Arsenal Ladies

## THE GIRLS HAVE A VERY SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN JAPAN

### A JAPANESE ADVENTURE!

 Arsenal Ladies will be embarking upon a groundbreaking trip to Japan next month – making yet more history in what has been a remarkable year for Laura Harvey's treble-winning side.

The 11-day tour takes place between Friday, November 25 and Monday, December 5 – and aims to raise funds for the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami relief effort.

The Gunners will be guests of the Educational Foundation Goto Gakuen Musashigaoka College, with whom the Club has enjoyed a fruitful decade-long relationship – and the squad is excited at the opportunity to spread the Arsenal Ladies gospel in a football-crazy corner of the planet, as well as helping a vital cause and receiving the opportunity to get to know an amazing country.

Three friendly matches are planned for the Ladies' tour, the first of which will be a stern test against the winners of the national Women's Football League – who, at the time of writing, look likely to be INAC Kobe. That match will, regardless of the opposition, take place at the National Stadium in Tokyo on Wednesday, November 30.

There will be two more matches, as well – both played in the Tokyo area. Keep a close eye on Arsenal.com and future programmes for details of these games, as well as full [previews and coverage of the tour](#).

Women's football in Japan could not be at a higher ebb, with the country's national team having superbly won the World Cup in Germany this summer. Arsenal Ladies' England contingent did, though, experience some success against the Japanese during the tournament – beating them 2-0 in a group stage match with goals from our own Ellen White and Rachel Yankey.■



Japanese and English fans at the Women's World Cup last summer



Tohoku devastated after the earthquake





KIM LITTLE HAS SCORED 14 GOALS THIS SEASON



Arsenal and England's Ellen White holds off Japan's Shinobu Ohno

## SPANISH DATE AWAITS

Don't forget that Arsenal Ladies will face Spanish side Rayo Vallecano in the last 16 of the Women's Champions League – providing another wonderful opportunity for you to cheer our team on at the highest level of club football.

Having beaten Belarusian outfit Bobruichanka 10-0 on aggregate earlier this month, the Gunners play the first leg at the Ciudad Deportiva Fundacion Rayo Vallecano on Thursday, November 3 (kick-off 7pm) before staging the second leg at Boreham Wood FC on Wednesday, November 9 (kick-off 2pm).

It should be a close tie – Arsenal Ladies needed a last-gasp goal to defeat the same opponents at this stage last season – so the team would greatly appreciate your support for what is likely to improve an exciting second leg. We'll publish ticket details nearer to the time – as well, of course, as full match reports and reaction from this crucial tie.

The Gunners reached the last four of last season's competition, ultimately falling to eventual winners Olympique Lyonnais, and will be aiming to go at least one better this time around – with confidence high after their superb clean sweep of domestic honours in the 2011 season.



Jordan Nobbs in Champions League action earlier this month



Goals, goals, goals

# ROBIN'S 100 GOALS

ROBIN VAN PERSIE IS THE 17TH ARSENAL PLAYER TO REACH A CENTURY OF GOALS FOR THE CLUB. THEY WERE SCORED IN 238 GAMES

## 2004/05

|                     |                              |             |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Oct 27, 2004        | CC v Manchester City 2-1     | (1)         |
| Oct 30, 2004        | Prem v Southampton 2-2       | (1)         |
| Dec 7, 2004         | UCL v Rosenborg 5-1          | (1)         |
| Jan 1, 2005         | Prem v Charlton Athletic 3-1 | (1)         |
| Jan 9, 2005         | FAC v Stoke City 2-1         | (1)         |
| Mar 19, 2005        | Prem v Blackburn Rovers 1-0  | (1)         |
| Apr 16, 2005        | FAC v Blackburn Rovers 3-0   | (2)         |
| May 2, 2005         | Prem v WBA 2-0               | (1)         |
| May 11, 2005        | Prem v Everton 7-0           | (1)         |
| <b>Season total</b> |                              | <b>(10)</b> |

## 2005/06

|                     |                           |             |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Aug 14, 2005        | Prem v Newcastle 2-0      | (1)         |
| Oct 25, 2005        | CC v Sunderland 3-0       | (2*)        |
| Nov 2, 2005         | UCL v Sparta Prague 3-0   | (2)         |
| Nov 5, 2005         | Prem v Sunderland 3-1     | (1)         |
| Nov 19, 2005        | Prem v Wigan Athletic 3-2 | (1)         |
| Nov 26, 2005        | Prem v Blackburn 3-0      | (1)         |
| Nov 29, 2005        | CC v Reading 3-0          | (1)         |
| Jan 24, 2006        | CC v Wigan Athletic 2-1   | (1)         |
| Apr 1, 2006         | Prem v Aston Villa 5-0    | (1)         |
| <b>Season total</b> |                           | <b>(11)</b> |

## 2006/07

|                     |                              |             |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Aug 8, 2006         | UCL v Dinamo Zagreb 3-0      | (1)         |
| Sept 30, 2006       | Prem v Charlton Athletic 2-1 | (2)         |
| Oct 22, 2006        | Prem v Reading 4-0           | (1)         |
| Oct 28, 2006        | Prem v Everton 1-1           | (1)         |
| Nov 21, 2006        | UCL v Hamburg 3-1            | (1)         |
| Nov 29, 2006        | Prem v Fulham 1-2            | (1)         |
| Dec 23, 2006        | Prem v Blackburn 6-2         | (2)         |
| Dec 26, 2006        | Prem v Watford 2-1           | (1)         |
| Jan 2, 2007         | Prem v Charlton 4-0          | (2*)        |
| Jan 21, 2007        | Prem v Man United 2-1        | (1)         |
| <b>Season total</b> |                              | <b>(13)</b> |

## 2007/08

|                     |                            |            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Aug 12, 2007        | Prem v Fulham 2-1          | (1*)       |
| Aug 19, 2007        | Prem v Blackburn 1-1       | (1)        |
| Sept 19, 2007       | UCL v Sevilla 3-0          | (1)        |
| Sept 29, 2007       | Prem v West Ham United 1-0 | (1)        |
| Oct 2, 2007         | UCL v Steaua Bucharest 1-0 | (1)        |
| Oct 7, 2007         | Prem v Sunderland 3-2      | (2)        |
| Mar 29, 2008        | Prem v Bolton 3-2          | (1*)       |
| Apr 28, 2008        | Prem v Derby County 6-2    | (1)        |
| <b>Season total</b> |                            | <b>(9)</b> |

## 2008/09

|                     |                           |             |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Aug 30, 2008        | Prem v Newcastle 3-0      | (2*)        |
| Sep 13, 2008        | Prem v Blackburn 4-0      | (1)         |
| Sept 30, 2008       | UCL v Porto 4-0           | (2)         |
| Oct 18, 2008        | Prem v Everton 3-1        | (1)         |
| Oct 29, 2008        | Prem v Tottenham 4-4      | (1)         |
| Nov 30, 2008        | Prem v Chelsea 2-1        | (2)         |
| Dec 21, 2008        | Prem v Liverpool 1-1      | (1)         |
| Jan 3, 2009         | FAC v Plymouth Argyle 3-1 | (2)         |
| Jan 28, 2009        | Prem v Everton 1-1        | (1)         |
| Feb 16, 2009        | FAC v Cardiff City 4-0    | (1)         |
| Feb 24, 2009        | UCL v AS Roma 1-0         | (1)         |
| Mar 17, 2009        | FAC v Hull City 2-1       | (1)         |
| Apr 15, 2009        | UCL v Villarreal 3-0      | (1*)        |
| May 5, 2009         | UCL v Man United 1-3      | (1*)        |
| May 24, 2009        | Prem v Stoke City 4-1     | (2*)        |
| <b>Season total</b> |                           | <b>(20)</b> |

## 2009/10

|               |                            |     |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Sept 12, 2009 | Prem v Manchester City 2-4 | (1) |
| Sept 26, 2009 | Prem v Fulham 1-0          | (1) |
| Sept 30, 2009 | UCL v Olympiacos 2-0       | (1) |
| Oct 4, 2009   | Prem v Blackburn 6-2       | (1) |
| Oct 17, 2009  | Prem v Birmingham City 3-1 | (1) |
| Oct 25, 2009  | Prem v West Ham United 2-2 | (1) |

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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Oct 31, 2009        | Prem v Tottenham 3-0 | (2)         |
| May 3, 2010         | Prem v Blackburn 1-2 | (1)         |
| May 9, 2010         | Prem v Fulham 4-0    | (1)         |
| <b>Season total</b> |                      | <b>(10)</b> |

## 2010/11

|                     |                             |             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Dec 8, 2010         | UCL v Partizan Belgrade 3-1 | (1*)        |
| Jan 1, 2011         | Prem v Birmingham City 3-0  | (1)         |
| Jan 15, 2011        | Prem v West Ham United 3-0  | (2*)        |
| Jan 19, 2011        | FAC v Leeds United 3-1      | (1)         |
| Jan 22, 2011        | Prem v Wigan Athletic 3-0   | (3)         |
| Feb 5, 2011         | Prem v Newcastle 4-4        | (2)         |
| Feb 12, 2011        | Prem v Wolves 2-0           | (2)         |
| Feb 16, 2011        | UCL v Barcelona 2-1         | (1)         |
| Feb 27, 2011        | CC v Birmingham City 1-2    | (1)         |
| Mar 19, 2011        | Prem v WBA 2-2              | (1)         |
| Apr 10, 2011        | Prem v Blackpool 3-1        | (1)         |
| Apr 17, 2011        | Prem v Liverpool 1-1        | (1*)        |
| Apr 20, 2011        | Prem v Tottenham 3-3        | (1)         |
| Apr 24, 2011        | Prem v Bolton 1-2           | (1)         |
| May 8, 2011         | Prem v Stoke City 1-3       | (1)         |
| May 15, 2011        | Prem v Aston Villa 1-2      | (1)         |
| May 22, 2011        | Prem v Fulham 2-2           | (1)         |
| <b>Season total</b> |                             | <b>(22)</b> |

## 2011/12

|                     |                             |            |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Aug 24, 2011        | UCL v Udinese 2-1           | (1)        |
| Aug 28, 2011        | Prem v Man United 2-8       | (1)        |
| Sept 13, 2011       | UCL v Borussia Dortmund 1-1 | (1)        |
| Sept 24, 2011       | Prem v Bolton 3-0           | (2)        |
| <b>Season total</b> |                             | <b>(5)</b> |

Home games in gold. \* = penalty



# SPOTLIGHT!

**AS GUNNERSAURUS PREPARED FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF CARLING CUP ACTION, WE GOT THE LOWDOWN FROM THE MOST FAMOUS DINOSAUR IN TOWN!**

So Gunner, the season's back in full flow after the international break a couple of weeks ago. How great does it feel?

It's amazing! Although I love watching England, I really miss not being able to see our fans and cheer the team on. Some people might think I'd enjoy putting my big heavy feet up and have a rest, but I do like to keep busy so I always make sure I'm out and about meeting fans as much as possible whenever I can.

**How have you kept yourself busy?**

I've been to lots of events including my Play Day at the stadium where I met 100 Welcome to our World members and their parents. That was a great day! I had lots of fun jumping into the ball pool, bouncing on the bouncy castle, singing and dancing with my friends and having a kick-about too. Bacary Sagna was even there!

**Tonight it's back to Carling Cup action as Bolton return following a 3-0 win for the Gunners in the Premier League back in September. How do**

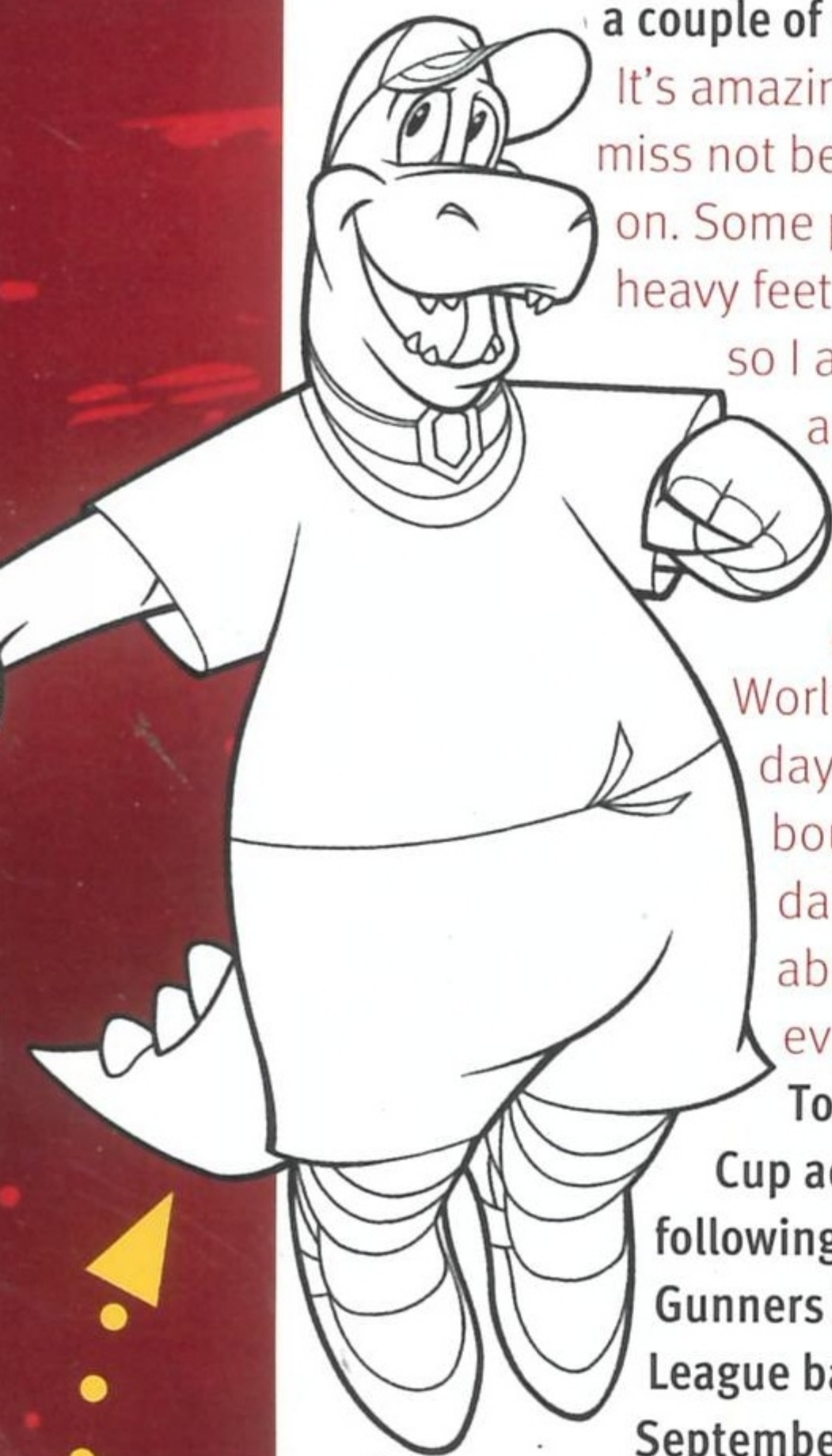
**cup games vary to league games and which do you prefer?**

I don't prefer one to the other, I just enjoy running onto the pitch with our Junior Gunners mascot and kicking about with them and the team. For me, cup matches aren't very different other than the fact that there may be extra time and penalties. I can imagine it's very different for the players as they need to win or they're out of the competition. The best thing about the Carling Cup is that the games are at night and I love being under the floodlights, it adds to the atmosphere.

I really hope we win tonight as we might get to see more Carling Cup games here if we're drawn at home.

**Carling Cup nights at Emirates always seem to have a bit of extra magic about them. Why do you think that is?**

They're great because we always seem to have more young fans in the stadium and they're so loud that they really make a difference. We always make a fuss of our young fans at Carling Cup matches and run lots of competitions with huge prizes to be won. Tonight we've got ten lucky Junior Gunners behind the scenes welcoming the team as they step off the coach when they arrive at the stadium. Another 12 have won places in the Guard of Honour to cheer the team as they enter the pitch from the tunnel prior to kick-off. I can't wait to meet them all and cheer the team on with them!









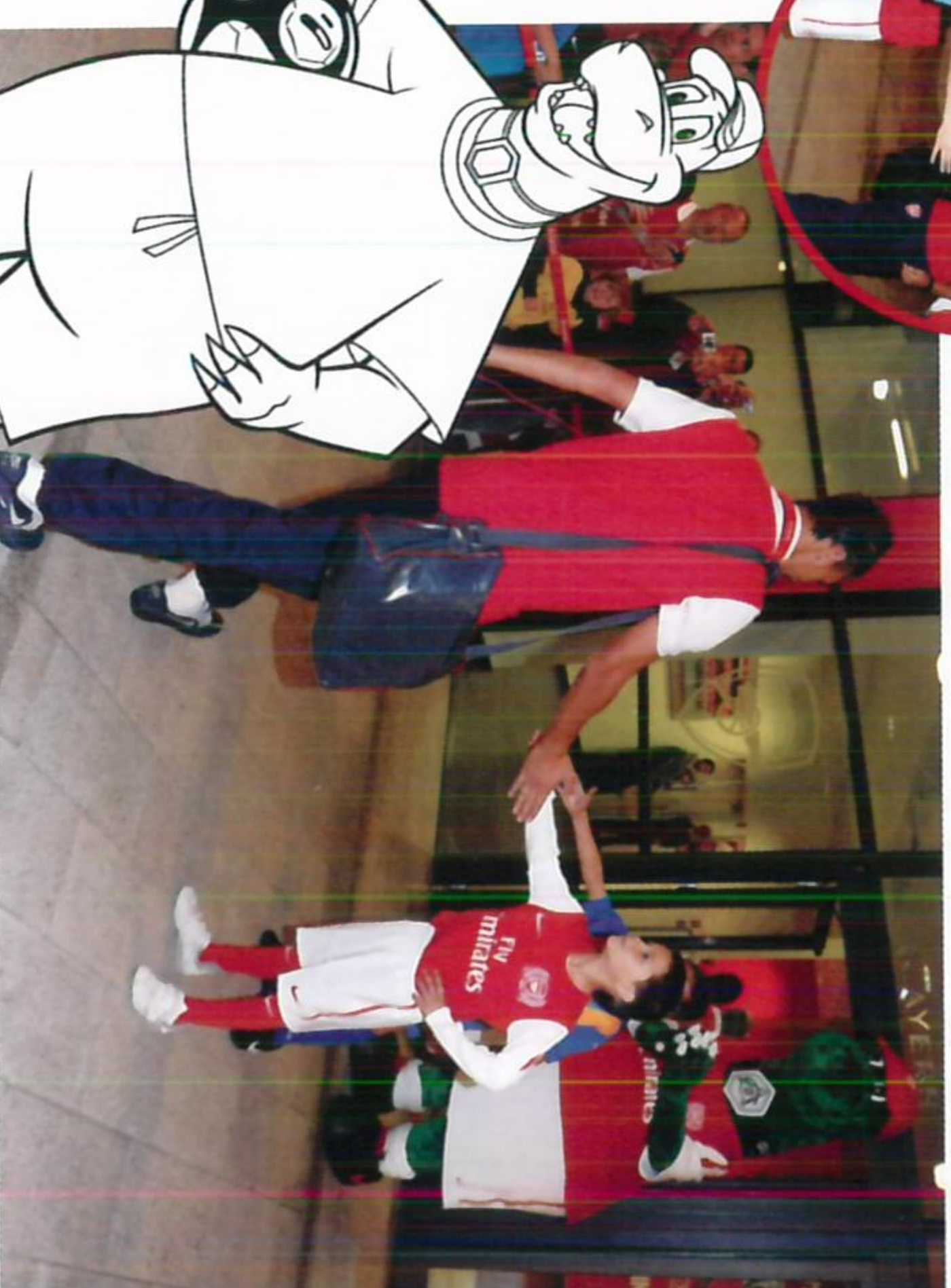
# Junior Gunners

## TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT FOR JUNIOR GUNNERS!

As the Carling Cup returns to Emirates Stadium for yet another exciting night of knock-out cup action, so too does an action-packed night for Junior Gunners.

If you've been keeping an eye on the Junior Gunners website or reading your regular newsletters, you'll know that there have been some great competitions yet again giving JGs the chance to be involved in the pre-match build up. Lots of you entered and tonight we have 12 lucky JGs leading the famous Junior Gunners Guard of Honour with a further 10 behind the scenes to welcome the players as they arrive at the stadium and step off the team coach. For those of you who didn't win this time round, make sure you keep your eyes peeled to the Junior Gunners website for more chances to win prizes just like these as there's plenty more still to come this season.

If you are 16 or under, a huge Arsenal fan and not yet a Junior Gunner head to [www.arsenal.com/juniorgunners](http://www.arsenal.com/juniorgunners) to find out how you can join and have the chance to win some brilliant prizes just like these – we're bursting with more huge giveaways exclusively for Junior Gunners!



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who was so excited when he received his membership pack that he just couldn't wait to get it open and fill his cot with all the goodies!

Do you have a newborn Junior Gunner you want to 'welcome to our world'? If so let us know – send a photograph of them sporting their colours and we'll feature them here. Email your stories and photos to [gunnersaurus@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:gunnersaurus@arsenal.co.uk)



# Inside Arsenal

## A Question of Support

WE ASK FIRST-TEAMERS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS LINKED TO SAVE THE CHILDREN'S WORK, RYO MIYAICHI IS NEXT IN LINE

**Who first spotted your potential as a footballer and where were you?**

It was the manager of my high school football team.

**Tell us three key aspects that help you fulfil your footballing potential?**

The most important is enjoying football, which I do. Secondly I'm good at dribbling and the third key is, of course, when I score.

**Are there any players you have seen recently who you think have great potential?**

Neymar who plays for Santos in Brazil and our own Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

**Other than football, what do you think you have the potential to be very good at?**

I like baseball because that's what my father used to play and I used to play to quite a high standard.

**What do you think you can specifically give to the team?**

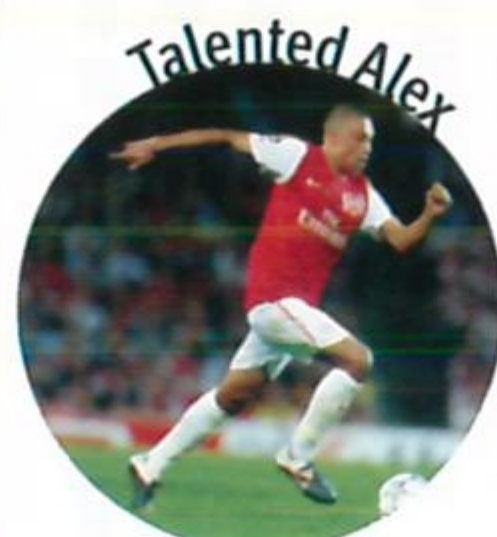
I have great speed I think I can contribute to the game by changing the flow and helping the team and because I'm Japanese I work hard!

**What's the worse illness you've suffered and when was it?**

When I was six I had a brain infection and I was hospitalised.

**What did you have to do to get better?**

I had medication and injections but I don't remember too much about it.



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OF THE  
GAME**

**What's the longest you've had to go without food and how did it make you feel?**

When I was seriously ill I wasn't allowed to eat for two days and that was really hard. When I imagine children who can't eat for weeks I feel that if I could do anything to save any of them, that would be great.

**Which food would you miss the most if you were told you could never eat it again?**

Rice – I like Japanese rice.

**What food have you eaten that you hope never to have to eat again?**

Spring onion, in fact all onions!

**Tell us three things you loved about your education?**

Firstly, I learnt how to communicate with others. In Japan we are taught how to speak to others respectfully. Secondly, I learnt how to collaborate with others and lastly by studying I achieved lots of knowledge.

**...and three things you didn't like?**

Only one thing – homework!

**Which subject would you like to go back to school and study again – and why?**

English language because I've been suffering! Although I am getting better and understand quite a lot now.

**When you were young, were you ever in a situation where you didn't feel safe?**

No, I never was.

Through its community and charitable initiatives Arsenal makes a meaningful difference to the lives of young people and their communities home and away. The Club's global charity partner, Save the Children will help Arsenal reach more young people through a number of education schemes, helping them reach their potential.







Save the Children's mission is to save children's lives, fight for their rights and help them fulfil their potential. This is achieved by delivering long-term programmes and emergency aid in over 120 countries and putting children at the heart of everything they do



# Save the Children

## ➤ EDUCATION IN BRAZIL

Brazil has the ninth largest economy in the world, but is blighted by extreme inequality. Half of the country's 60 million children live in poverty with very little opportunity to improve their current situation.

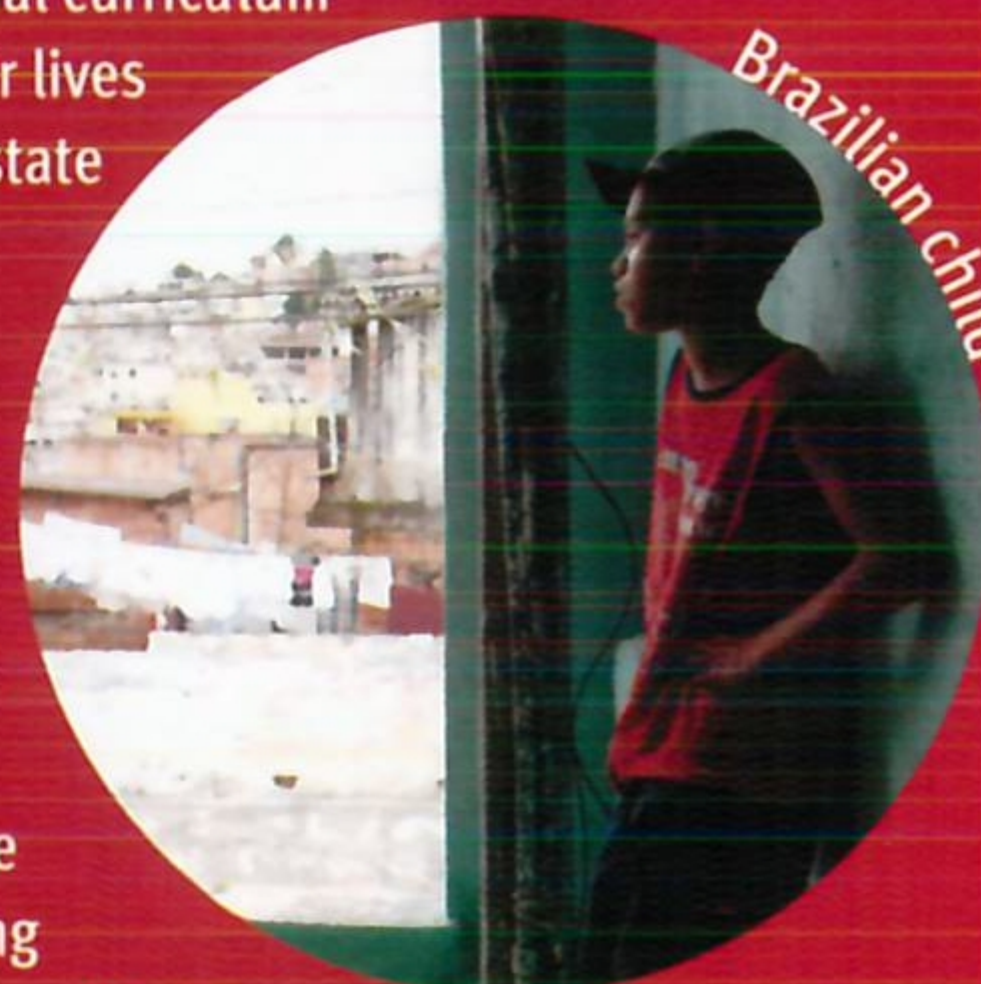
We all know that a good quality education is the means to a better life, however in poor rural areas up to 20 per-cent of children who enrol in school drop out in the first year and a further 40 per cent drop out before they have completed their basic primary education. Many of these children leave school in search of work to help support their family, as what their parents earn isn't enough for them to get by.

In addition, many children leave school early because the national curriculum is irrelevant to their lives and the quality of state education is generally low – statistically 70 per-cent of children who complete six years of schooling still can't read and have difficulty completing simple forms, such as job applications or opening a bank account.

Save the Children works with children, teachers and local authorities to improve access to and quality of education. Last year, our education activities in Brazil alone reached over 20,000 children. We're also improving pre-school provision for children under six years old so many more stay in school and complete their education.

Together with Arsenal, we can help more children, like those we are supporting in Brazil, have access to a better education and give them the chance to reach their full potential.

To find out more, or make a donation towards the Arsenal and Save the Children partnership, visit [www.arsenal.com/savethechildren](http://www.arsenal.com/savethechildren).



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# Internationals on Duty

## ARSENAL FULL INTERNATIONALS



Looking at the recent international performances of some of our younger players.

### ENGLAND UNDER-21S

October 6, 2011

Iceland 0, England 3

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain scored a hat-trick – becoming the youngest player ever to do so for England Under-21s – in this UEFA 2013 Under-21 Championship qualifier win in Reykjavik. They were his first goals at this level. Henri Lansbury, on loan at West Ham, played the full 90 minutes.

October 10, 2011

Norway 1, England 2

Oxlade-Chamberlain and Lansbury each played the full game as England won again in Qualifying Group 8 to go three points clear at the top. Lansbury set up the opening goal.

### FRANCE UNDER-21S

October 7, 2011

France 2, Kazakhstan 0

Francis Coquelin played 90 minutes in midfield for France in this UEFA 2013 Under-21 Championship qualifier.

October 11, 2011

Romania 0, France 2

Coquelin played the whole game in midfield for the French as they extended their 100 per-cent record in Group 9.

### ENGLAND UNDER-19S

October 5, 2011

France 2, England 2

England kicked off the Limoges Tournament with a 2-2 draw with the hosts. Arsenal's young midfielder Nico Yennaris played the whole game.

October 7, 2011

Portugal 0, England 1

Yennaris played the first-half as England won 1-0 in France.

October 9, 2011

Ukraine 1, England 3

Yennaris started for England as they saw off Ukraine to win the Limoges Tournament.

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND UNDER-19S

October 6, 2011

Rep of Ireland 4, Bulgaria 1

Young Gunners keeper Sean McDermott played the full match against group hosts Bulgaria in Qualifying for the UEFA 2012 Under-19 Championships.

October 8, 2011

Bosnia and Herzegovina 2, Republic of Ireland 0  
McDermott was once again in goal as Ireland lost their second group match.

October 11, 2011

Republic of Ireland 3, Russia 1

McDermott played the whole game as Ireland finished second in Group Two to reach the Elite Round.

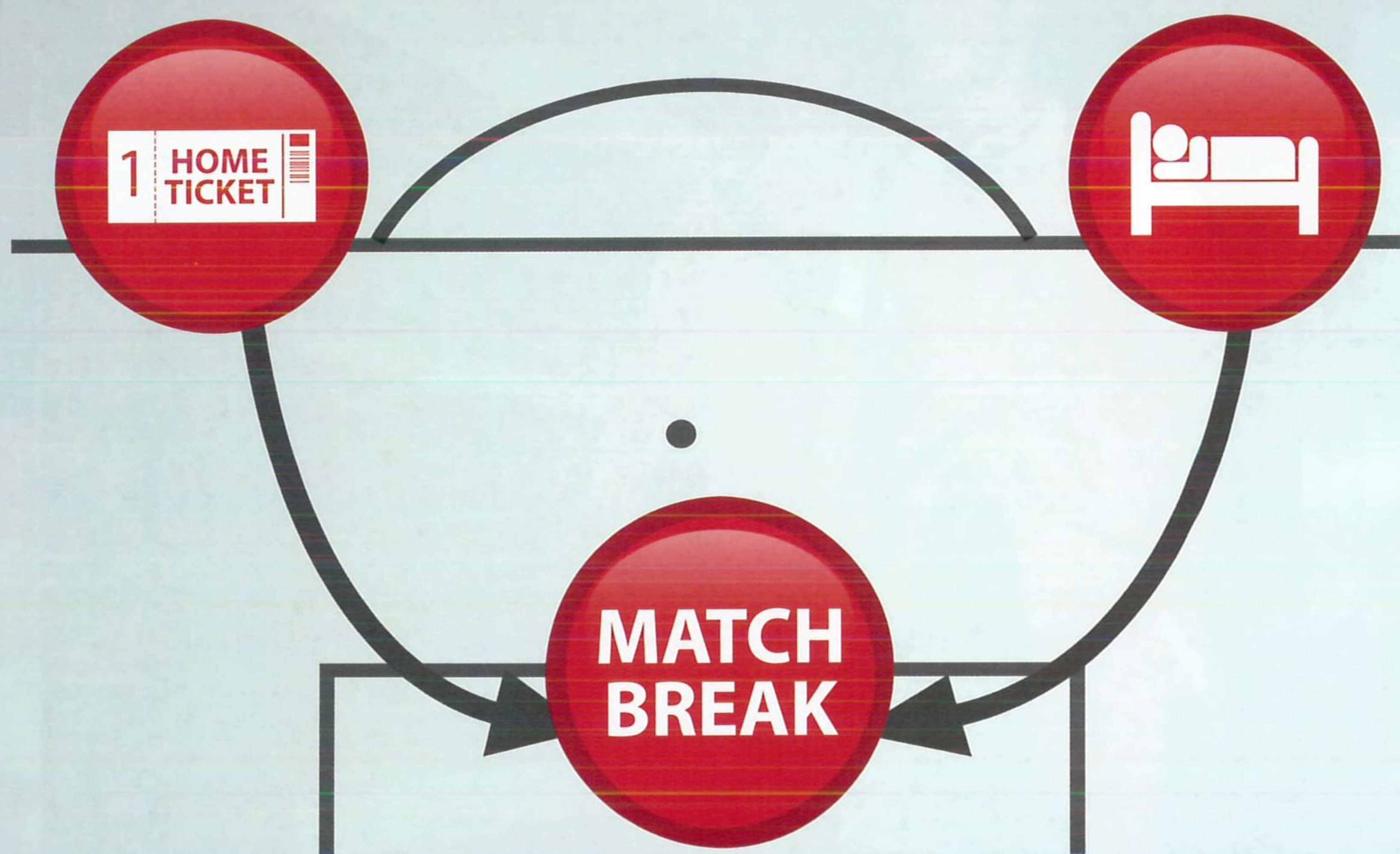




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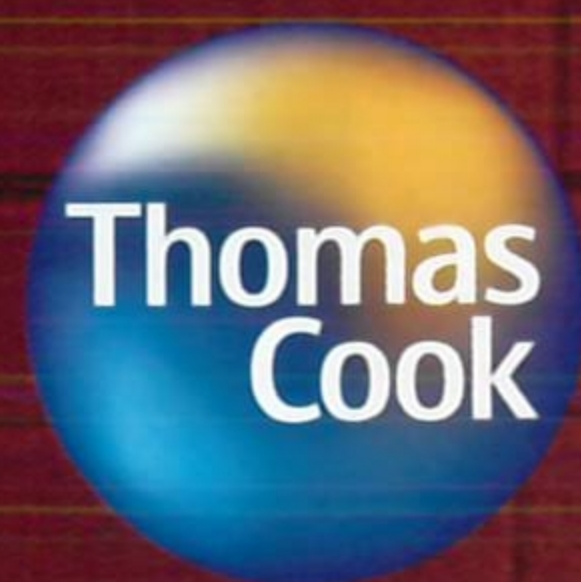
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Young Gun

# Oguzhan Ozyakup

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## BIOG

Second Year Scholar

Born 23/09/1992

Position Midfielder

## STATS...

U18

Games 30+6 Goals 8

FA YOUTH CUP

Games 3+1

RESERVES

Games 21+7 Goals 2

FIRST TEAM

Games +1

TOTAL

Games 54+15 Goals 10

## QUICKFIRE GUNNER...

What does Arsenal  
mean to you?

First time I came to  
Arsenal I only felt like a  
player of a club. But it's  
not just a club, it feels  
like a family here. You  
feel like you're a member  
of that family. Sometimes  
you see your teammates  
more than your family

What would your dream  
job be, if you weren't a  
footballer?

I've never really thought  
about anything else,  
I always wanted to be a  
footballer. But if not I  
would like to be a teacher

Who was the last  
person you called on  
your mobile?

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Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers





My friend from Holland  
 What is the most played song on your iPod?  
 'They Know' by Drake  
 What was the last film you saw?  
 How to lose a guy in 10 days  
 What is your favourite gadget?  
 My Blackberry and iPad  
 What is your favourite website?  
 www.vi.nl and www.telegraaf.nl for Dutch football and general news  
 What is your favourite computer game at the moment?  
 Fifa2012 on PS3

Oguzhan Ozyakup will undoubtedly have a bright future in football, but whatever heights he reaches in the coming years, the words 'Shrewsbury Town' and 'Carling Cup' are words that will always bring the brightest of smiles to his face.

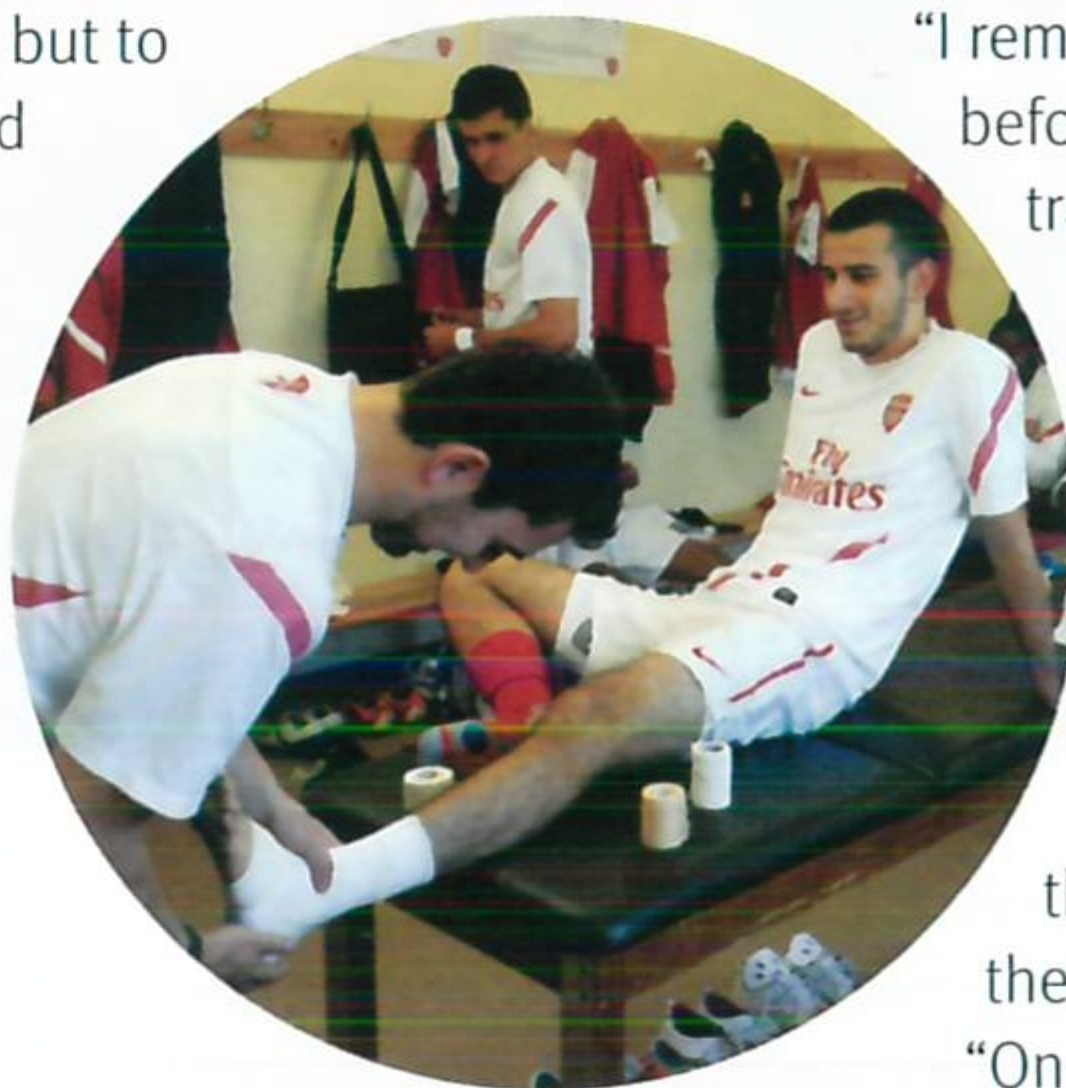
"That was my debut for Arsenal and that would be special enough, but to come on off the bench and make an assist for Yossi (Benayoun) has made it unforgettable for me and will forever be a happy memory," says 'Ozzy', who admits that he had a feeling that he would be in the squad. "Before I came to England, I knew about the FA Cup and of course the Premier and Champions League competitions, but I did not know anything about the Carling Cup. Once I joined all the younger players kept talking about the Carling Cup and I understood that it was an important competition, but especially for younger players at Arsenal more than anywhere else, because it is the place where they usually

get their first chance to play in the first team.

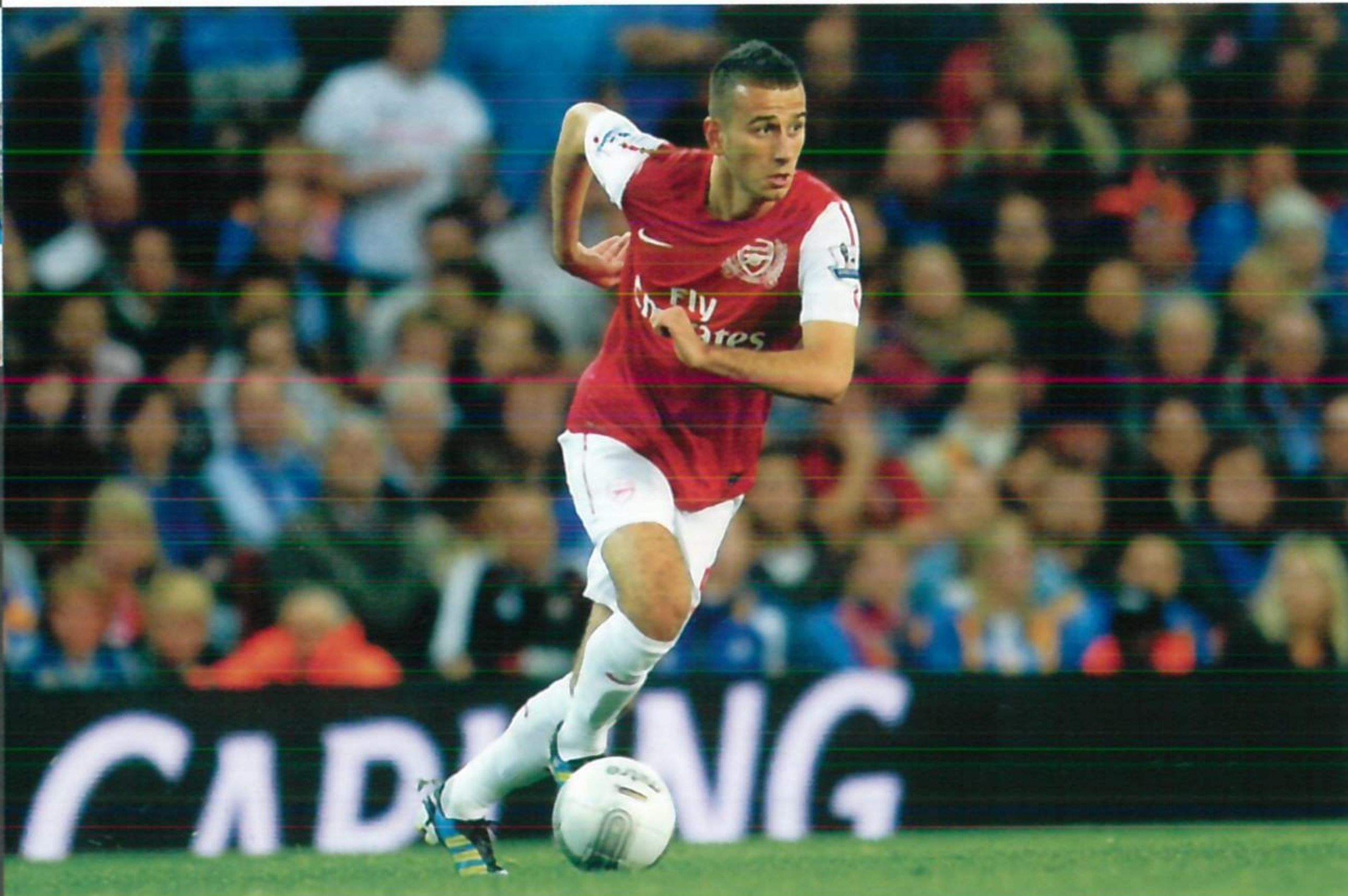
"I was in the squad that travelled to Manchester United early on in the season so I had been involved, but before the last round of the Carling Cup I was training a lot with the first team. I had a pretty good feeling that I would be selected because everything had been going well.

"I remember that on the Tuesday before the game and after training, the squad list went up and I ran over to see that my name was on the sheet. I was very happy, it was perfect, especially as my parents were in the UK so I phoned my dad straight away and they were able to come to the game.

"On the night, all the senior first team players who were not involved came into the dressing room and wished us well. Robin van Persie came and spoke to me and said that if I come on, I should just play my natural game. That must have helped because I was not nervous at all, just excited," he beams. "I remember the game started and it was not long before I was

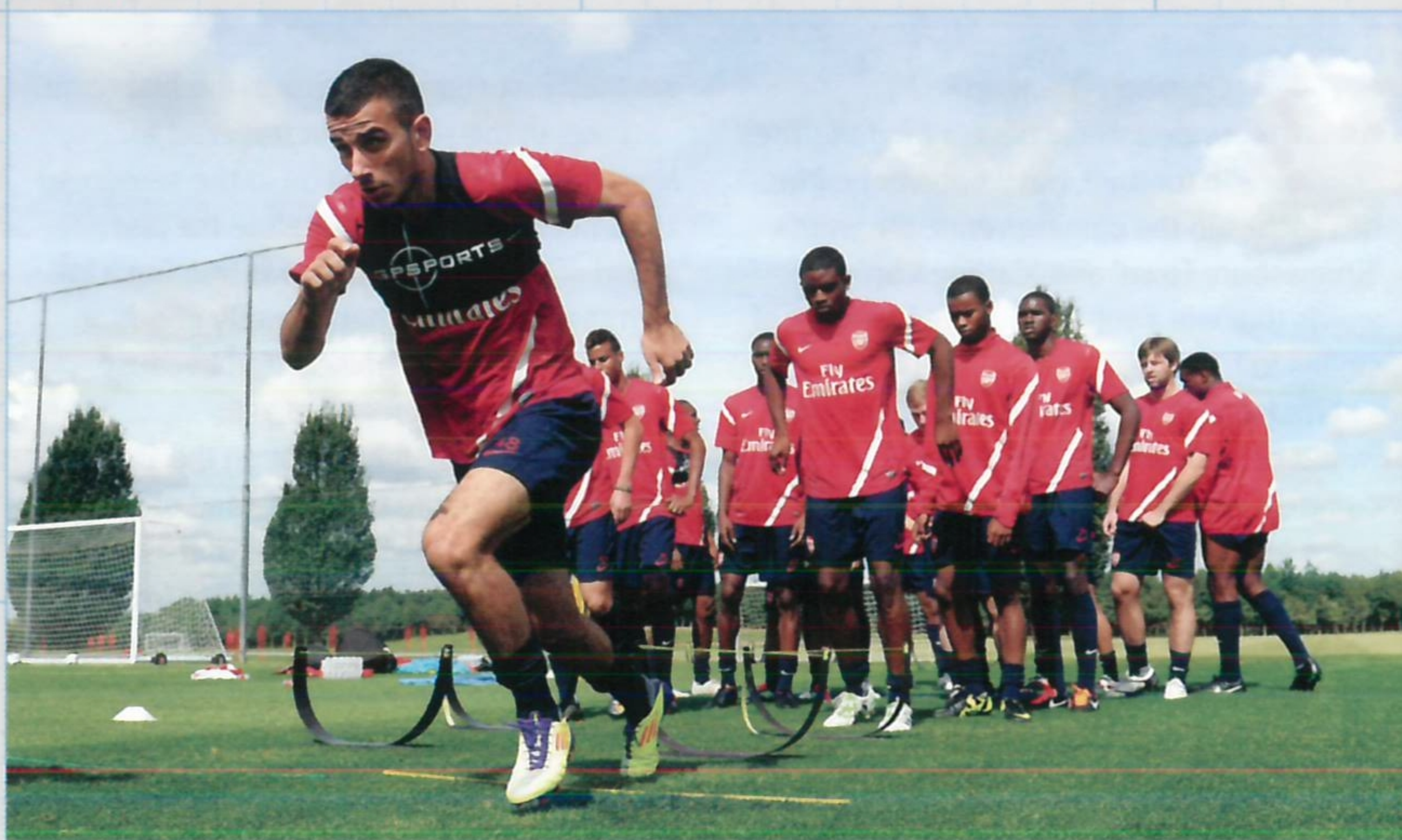


What car do you drive?  
 Golf 6 GTI  
 What's your favourite Rob the Chef dish?  
 Salmon, rice and vegetables  
 Apart from football, what sport are you best at?  
 Tennis and table tennis





# Young Gun



asked to warm up because Francis Coquelin picked up an injury. He ran the knock off and I sat back down. I was looking forward to coming on as soon as possible, and in the second-half I was warming up from practically the beginning. Colin Lewin called me over and told me to strip off because I was going on.

"There were no nerves at all, I was just so eager to get on. I was to replace Emmanuel Frimpong and Mr Wenger told me to be organised and concentrate on my defensive responsibilities. However, within seconds of going on the pitch I saw a space and made a run forward behind their defenders.

"Kieran Gibbs saw my run, but his through-ball was blocked. Then Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain got the ball and found me on the right side of the area. I got to the by-line and rolled the ball back for Yossi who took his goal so calmly. It was fantastic! To make my debut and an assist and for us to win was just perfect!"

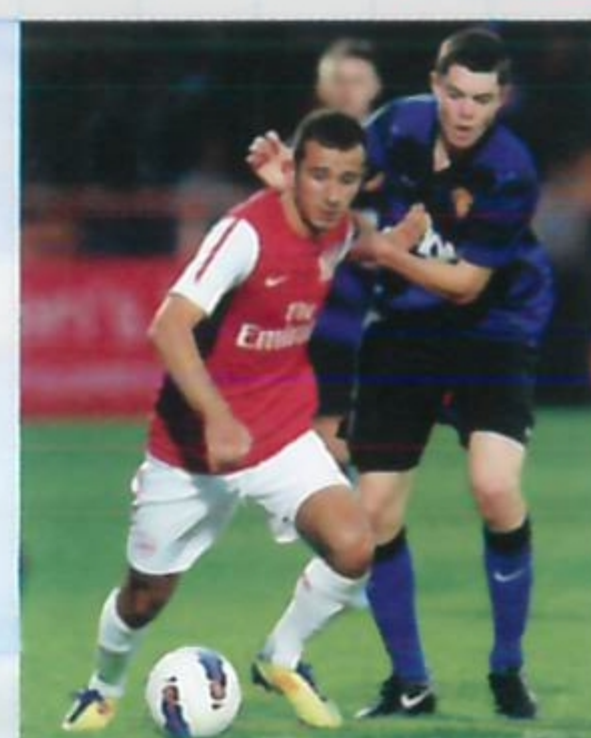
As you would imagine, Ozzy is very much looking forward to tonight's game. "I hope to be involved and get to play. It will be a tough match. I think it will be a lot like a Premier League game for a lot of the time, but as the game goes on – because it is a cup match – I think both teams will take more risks to try to win the game. It will be

a tough game, and I know Shrewsbury were from a lower league but they did very well and so I know we will have to be at our best, but I expect us to go through. We have a very good squad, a lot of talent and the team spirit is superb."

The 19 year-old midfielder believes that the Gunners are well on the right track to scaling the heights where a club like ours should be. "We lost some top players in Cesc and Samir, but the new guys have come in and have now settled in well. We have been picking up some good results lately and you can see the team is gelling well. We have not scored late goals like the old days for a while, but watching the Champions League match against Marseille I just knew we would. I got the feeling that I used to get when watching Arsenal. I was watching with Ignasi Miquel and I told him that we will score in injury time and we did!

"I know that after tonight we face Chelsea at their ground and that will also be tough, but I think the team has settled in now and that we are already ready to show the true Arsenal. Some people say it is too soon, but that is not what I am feeling".

Ozzy, just like your prediction for the Marseille game was spot on, hopefully you are again right about tonight and Chelsea this weekend!■



What would you ask your team-mates if you were an interviewer?  
Who gets the most fines for being late?  
Which person would you most like to be stuck in a lift with?

Eva Mendez

What team did you support as a boy?

Trabzonspor

Who is the most famous player you have swapped shirts with?

Robin van Persie.

I got his but I didn't give mine to him!

What talent would you most like to have?

I wish I could sing

Who is the greatest ever player in your position?

Zinedine Zidane



Who are the best band/act you have seen live?

Rihanna at the O2

What is your favourite place in the world?

Amsterdam

Tell us something we may not know about you

I have a beautiful sister who is like a best friend to me

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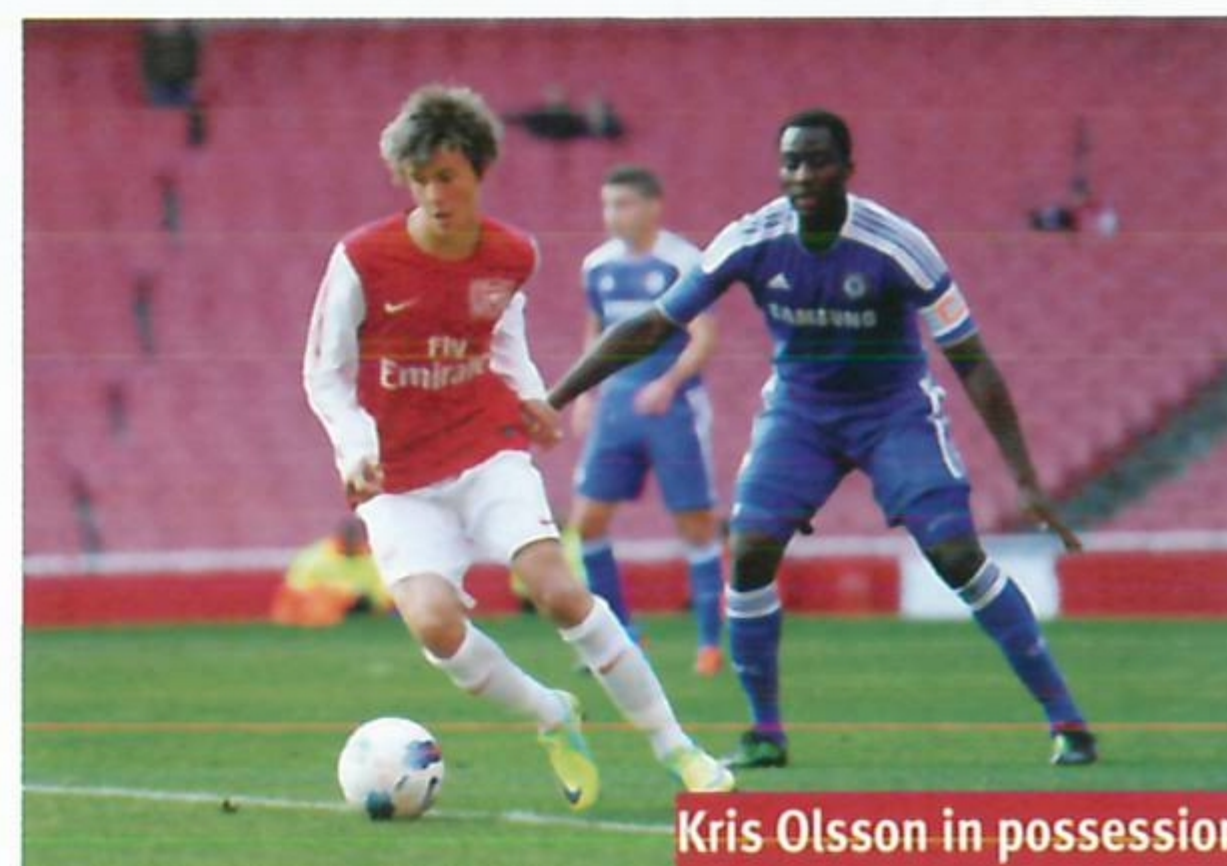


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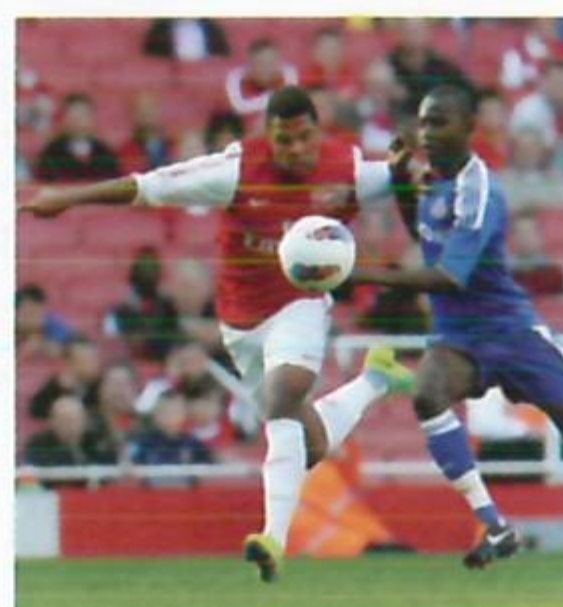


# Reserves & Youth

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| UNDER-18S FRIENDLY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011                                                                           |          |
|  <b>ARSENAL UNDER-18S</b><br>Ansah 40 | <b>1</b> |
|  <b>CHELSEA UNDER-18S</b>           | <b>0</b> |



 A lone goal from Zak Ansah was enough to give Arsenal's Under-18s their second win in a month over their Chelsea counterparts in a friendly played at Emirates Stadium on Sunday.



Ansah showed his bravery to get to a loose ball in the box

The 1-0 victory was a hard fought affair, with both sides showing off the abundance of talent available to their respective academies.

The young Gunners had recently beaten the visitors 3-0 in the Academy league at the Chelsea Training Centre at Cobham. In all honesty, that result was flattering on the Gunners as the Blues could have been a couple of goals up at half-time were it not for some poor finishing.

The first real effort of this eagerly anticipated Emirates fixture fell to Chelsea in the eighth minute when Todd Kane got away from his marker on the right flank and fired in a looping shot from 25 yards out that Reice

Charles-Cook in the Arsenal goal tipped over the bar.

Chelsea went close again in the 17th minute through Bertrand Traore, but his 30-yard drive shaved the top of the bar. Arsenal were forced to defend for long periods as Chelsea pressed the Gunners. Ruben Loftus-Cheek's shot was just over the top left corner in the 21st minute.

Arsenal's first real effort on target did not materialise until the 39<sup>th</sup> minute when Kyle Ebecilio's long-range drive was saved by Jamal Blackman in the Chelsea goal.

The Gunners did however take the lead against the run of play in the 40th minute when Ansah showed his bravery to get to a loose ball in the box and poke it past Blackman.

The second-half saw the Gunners come into the ascendancy and the next real opportunity came to the home side just after the hour. Phil Roberts and substitute Alban Bunjaku combined well with some swift inter-changing passes just inside the Chelsea area. The final touch was just a little heavy and the ball ran out of play before Bunjaku could attempt an effort on goal from the tightest of angles.

The Gunners then had a penalty claim waved away in the 68th minute when

**NEXT  
UNDER-18s  
GAME**

V Charlton Athletic,  
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October 29, 2011  
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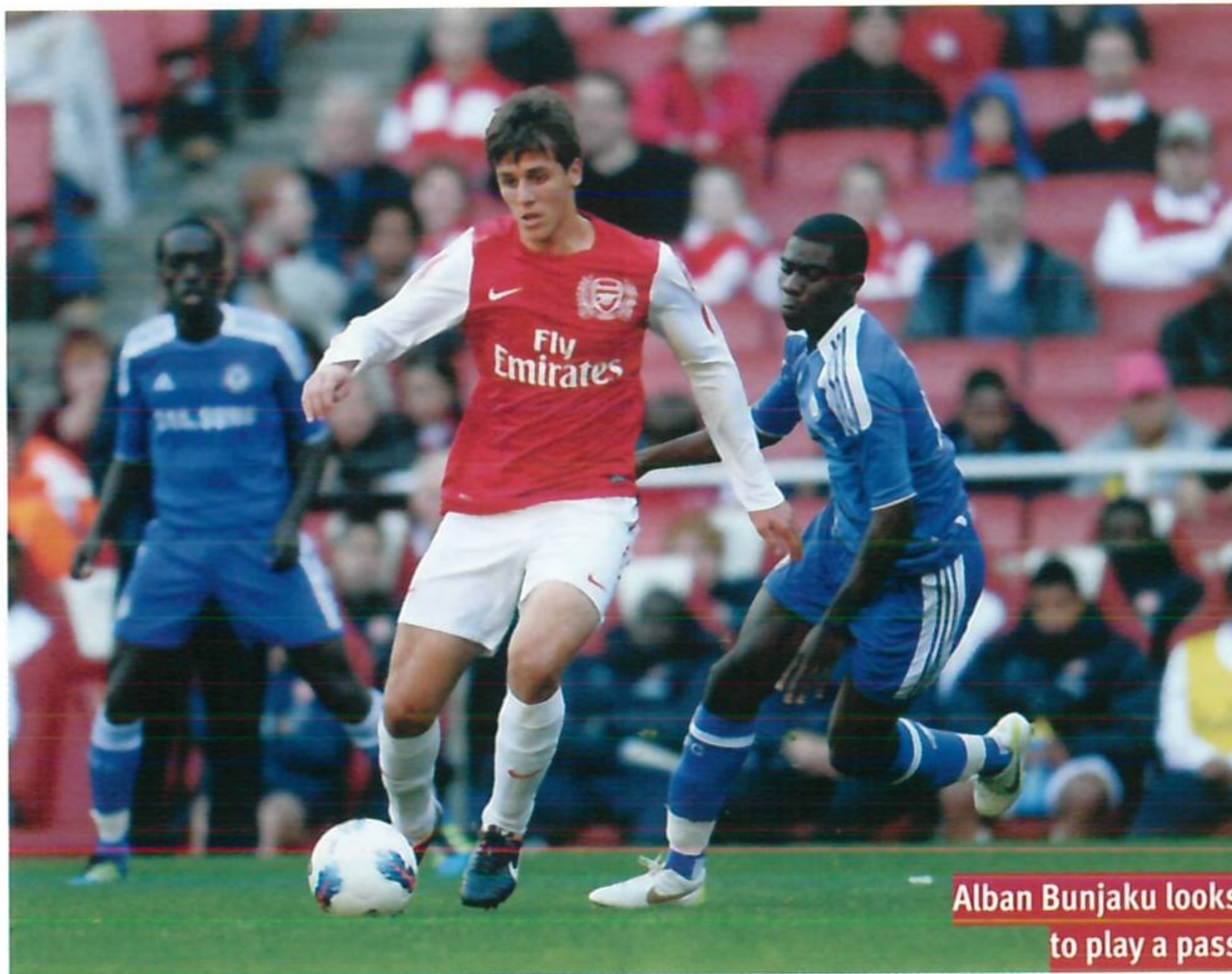


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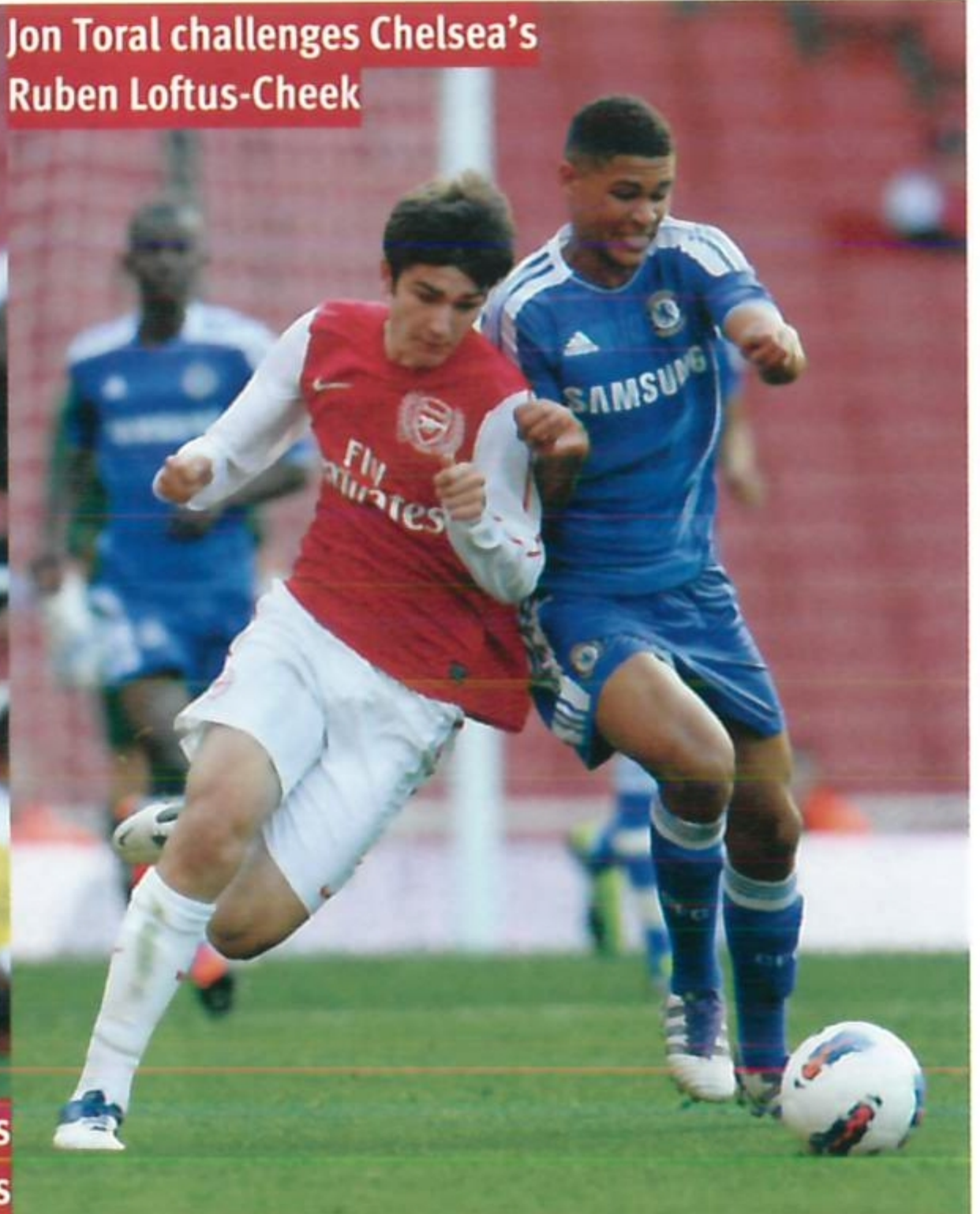


## ZAK ANSAH

Scores the winner at Emirates Stadium



Alban Bunjaku looks to play a pass



Jon Toral challenges Chelsea's Ruben Loftus-Cheek

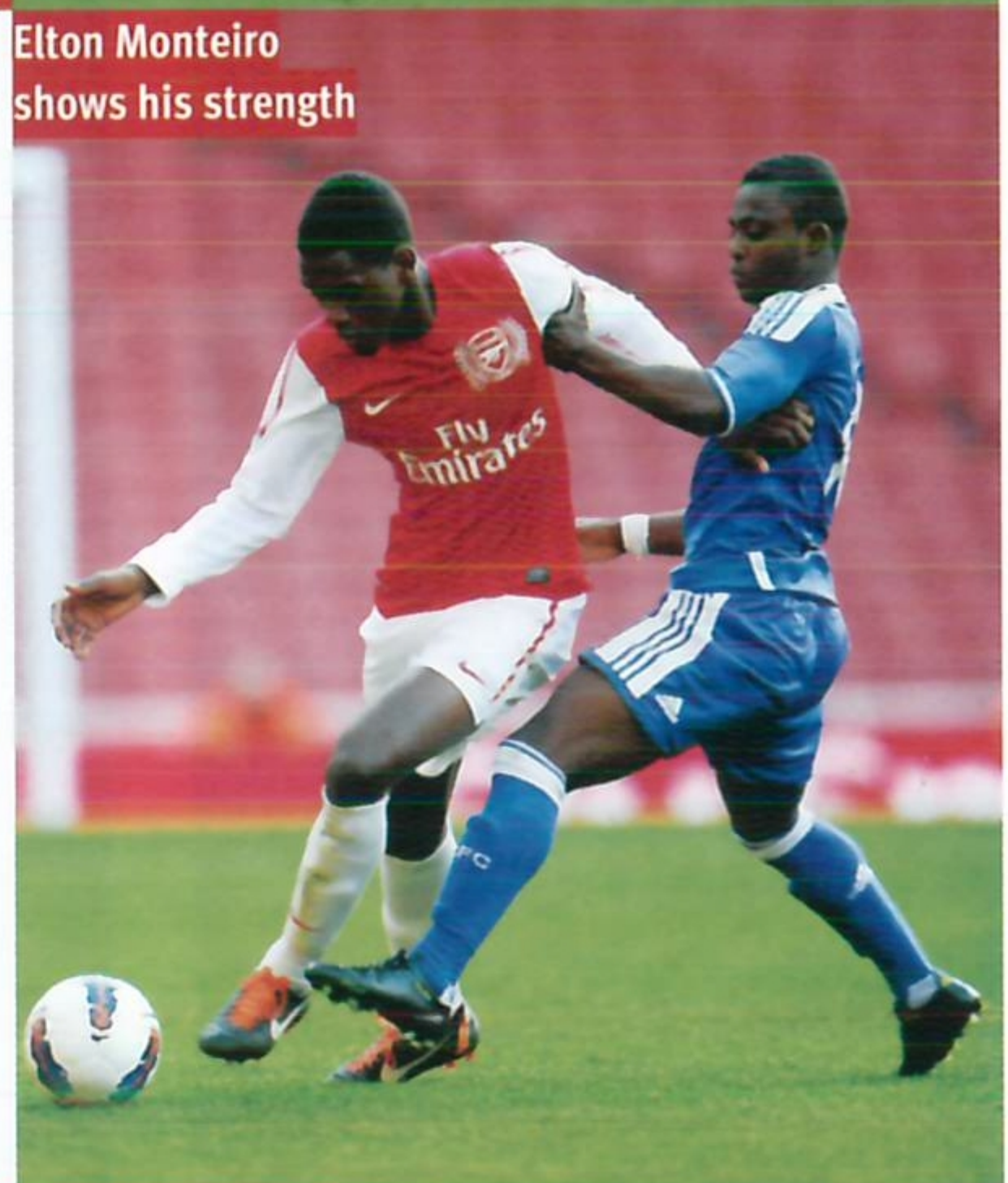
Jeffrey Monakana ran into the area but appeared to be impeded before he could reach Anthony Jeffrey's knockdown into the area.

The tireless Roberts, again playing in a lone role up front, had a shot under pressure but the effort looped high over the target on 71 minutes. Martin Angha should have done better with a cross from the right two minutes later but as he rose unchallenged he failed to properly connect and his header fell sideways.

Amin Affane had Arsenal hearts in their mouths on 78 minutes when his long range effort skimmed the top of Sean McDermott's bar. Jeffrey forced a good save out of substitute 'keeper Ben Kilip with five minutes to go when the Chelsea stopper got down well to his right post to parry the young Gunner's powerful shot on the run. Chelsea made every effort to go for the equaliser but the Arsenal defence kept them at bay to earn the win and make it a good day for the fans who remained to watch following the senior side's victory over Stoke.■

**Arsenal** Charles-Cook (McDermott 46), Glasgow, Campbell (Bihmoutine 46), Toral (Bunjaku 60), Monteiro, Angha, Gnabry (Monakana 60), Ansah (Olsson 58), Roberts (Fagan 80), Ebecilio (Wynter 60), Neita (Jeffrey 46)

The tireless Phil Roberts was again playing in a lone role up front



Elton Monteiro shows his strength



Zak Ansah slots home the decisive goal





Reserves & Youth

Reserve games in red are played at Barnet's Underhill Stadium. All other home Reserve games are behind closed-doors

ARSENAL RESERVES

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2011/12

|            |                   |     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|
| Mon Aug 15 | Manchester United | 2-1 |
| Tue Aug 23 | Wigan Athletic    | 3-1 |
| Tue Sep 13 | Bolton Wanderers  | 3-3 |
| Mon Sep 26 | Blackburn Rovers  | 1-0 |
| Mon Oct 3  | Swansea City      | 2-2 |
| Tue Oct 18 | West Brom         | 1-3 |
| Mon Nov 7  | Fulham            | H   |
| Mon Nov 14 | Norwich City      | H   |
| Tue Nov 22 | Wolves            | A   |
| Mon Nov 28 | Aston Villa       | A   |
| Mon Dec 5  | Chelsea           | H   |
| Wed Dec 14 | Swansea City      | A   |
| Wed Jan 4  | Sunderland        | H   |
| Mon Jan 9  | Aston Villa       | H   |
| Tue Jan 24 | Fulham            | A   |
| Mon Feb 13 | Wolves            | H   |
| Tue Feb 21 | Norwich City      | A   |
| Mon Mar 5  | Chelsea           | A   |
| Mon Mar 12 | West Brom         | H   |
| Tue Mar 20 | Liverpool         | A   |
| Mon Apr 2  | Everton           | H   |
| Tue Apr 10 | Newcastle United  | A   |

RESERVE TEAM APPEARANCES

|                         | Apps | Goals |
|-------------------------|------|-------|
| Sanchez Watt            | 6    | 5     |
| Chuks Aneke             | 6    | 3     |
| Oguzhan Ozyakup         | 6    | 1     |
| Luke Freeman            | 5+1  | 2     |
| Daniel Boateng          | 5    |       |
| Jernade Meade           | 4+1  |       |
| Nico Yennaris           | 4+1  |       |
| Ryo Miyaichi            | 4    | 1     |
| Ignasi Miquel           | 4    |       |
| Martin Angha            | 3+3  |       |
| Kyle Ebecilio           | 3+2  |       |
| Damian Martinez         | 3    |       |
| Vito Mannone            | 3    |       |
| Sead Hajrovic           | 2+1  |       |
| Zak Ansah               | 1+2  |       |
| Benik Afobe             | 1    |       |
| Francis Coquelin        | 1    |       |
| Craig Eastmond          | 1    |       |
| Carl Jenkinson          | 1    |       |
| Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain | 1    |       |
| Sebastien Squillaci     | 1    |       |

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Armand Traore    | 1  |
| Sean McDermott   | +1 |
| Jeffrey Monakana | +1 |
| Elton Monteiro   | +1 |
| Rhys Murphy      | +1 |

RESERVE LEAGUE SOUTH TABLE

|             | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| West Brom   | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 5  | 16  |
| Aston Villa | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9  | 6  | 12  |
| Arsenal     | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 11  |
| Swansea     | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 10  |
| Fulham      | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 8  | 9   |
| Chelsea     | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 8   |
| Wolves      | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 8   |
| Norwich     | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9  | 22 | 5   |

The Reserves play teams from the southern region home and away and teams from the northern region just once

FA ACADEMY LEAGUE

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2011/12

|            |                    |     |
|------------|--------------------|-----|
| Thu Aug 18 | Barnsley           | 1-2 |
| Sat Aug 27 | Leeds United       | 1-0 |
| Sat Sep 3  | Milton Keynes Dons | 2-0 |
| Sat Sep 10 | Cardiff City       | 2-2 |
| Sat Sep 17 | Bristol City       | 1-0 |
| Sat Sep 24 | Crystal Palace     | 2-2 |
| Sat Oct 1  | Fulham             | 3-4 |
| Sat Oct 8  | Chelsea            | 3-0 |
| Sat Oct 15 | Southampton        | 1-0 |
| Sat Oct 29 | Charlton Athletic  | A   |
| Sat Nov 5  | Norwich City       | H   |
| Sat Nov 12 | Ipswich Town       | A   |
| Sat Nov 19 | Portsmouth         | A   |
| Sat Dec 3  | West Ham United    | H   |
| Sat Dec 10 | Southampton        | A   |
| Sat Dec 17 | Charlton Athletic  | H   |
| Sat Jan 7  | Norwich City       | A   |
| Sat Jan 14 | Ipswich Town       | H   |
| Sat Jan 21 | Portsmouth         | H   |
| Sat Jan 28 | West Ham United    | A   |
| Sat Feb 11 | Crystal Palace     | H   |
| Sat Feb 18 | Fulham             | A   |
| Sat Feb 25 | Chelsea            | H   |
| Sat Mar 3  | Leicester City     | A   |
| Sat Mar 10 | Aston Villa        | H   |

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| Sat Mar 17 | Coventry City   | H |
| Sat Mar 31 | Watford         | A |
| Sat Apr 21 | Birmingham City | A |
| Sat May 5  | Semi-Final      |   |
| Sat May 12 | Final (TBC)     |   |

YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES

|                    | Apps | Goals |
|--------------------|------|-------|
| Elton Monteiro     | 9    | 1     |
| Isaac Hayden       | 7+2  |       |
| Zak Ansah          | 7+1  | 1     |
| Jeffrey Monakana   | 7+1  | 1     |
| Anthony Jeffrey    | 6+1  | 3     |
| Nigel Neita        | 6+1  |       |
| Reice Charles-Cook | 6    |       |
| Samir Bihmoutine   | 5+2  |       |
| Ben Glasgow        | 5+1  |       |
| Zachari Fagan      | 5    |       |
| Jordan Wynter      | 5    |       |
| Philip Roberts     | 4+3  | 6     |
| James Campbell     | 4+2  |       |
| Alban Bunjaku      | 3+2  | 1     |
| Serge Gnabry       | 3+1  | 2     |
| Hector Bellerin    | 3+1  |       |
| Sean McDermott     | 3    |       |
| Kristoffer Olsson  | 3    |       |
| Jon Toral          | 3    |       |
| Callum Webb        | 2+1  |       |
| Chuba Akpom        | 1+2  |       |
| Jack Jebb          | 1+1  |       |
| Kyle Ebecilio      | 1    |       |
| Own goals          |      | 1     |

PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE

GROUP A TABLE

|                | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| West Ham       | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 12 | 20  |
| Charlton Ath   | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 10 | 19  |
| Fulham         | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 14 | 18  |
| Crystal Palace | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 12 | 18  |
| Arsenal        | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 17  |
| Southampton    | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 13 | 13  |
| Norwich City   | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 10  |
| Ipswich Town   | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 9   |
| Chelsea        | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 23 | 8   |
| Portsmouth     | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 6   |





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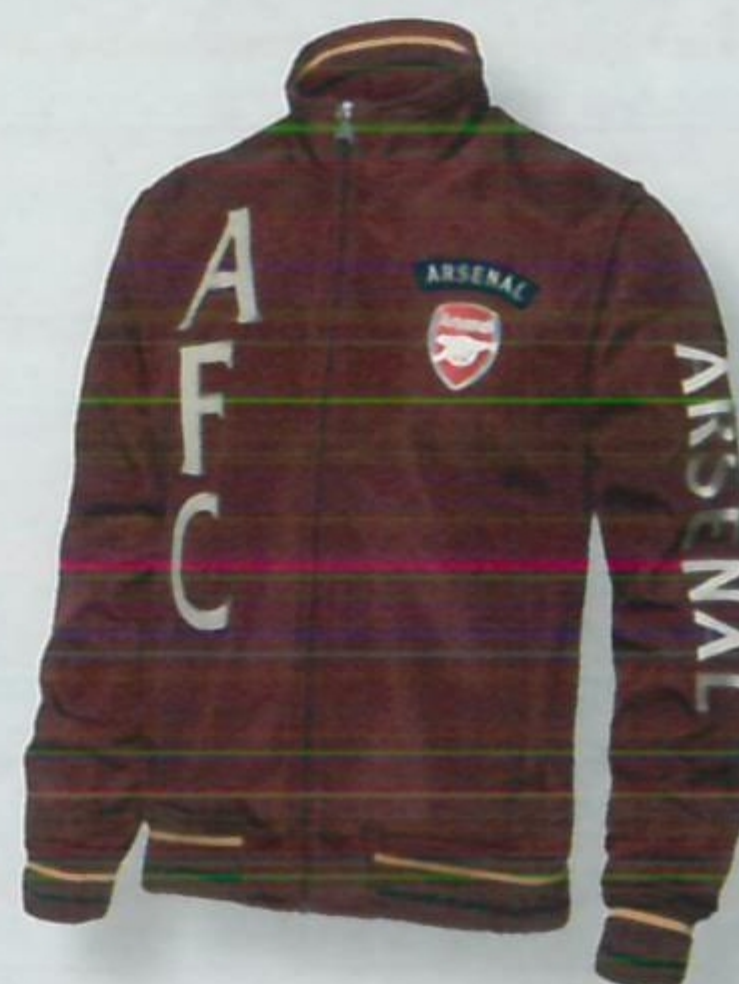
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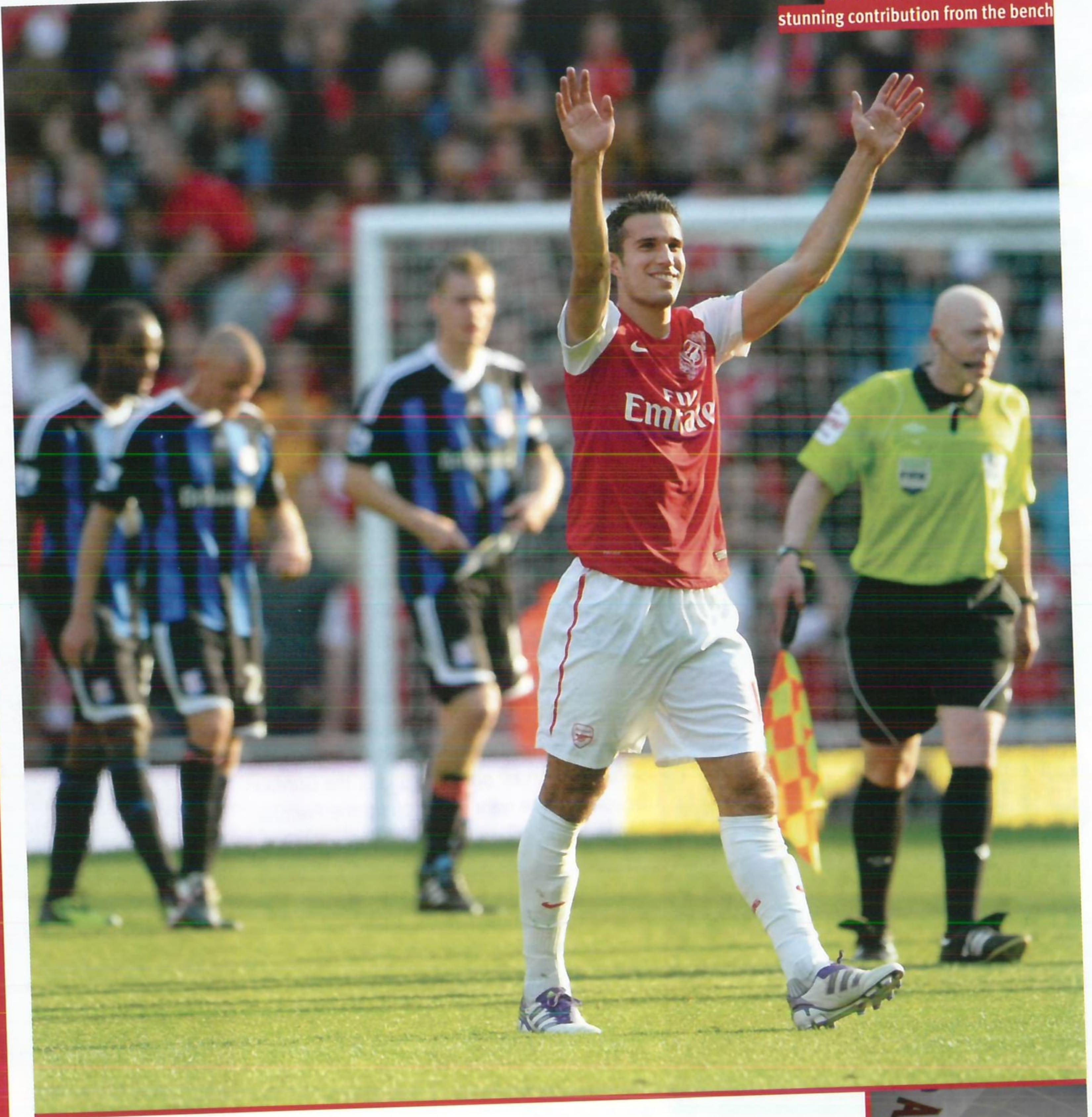


**The Arsenal** 



# Match Action

Robin salutes the fans after his stunning contribution from the bench



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011, EMIRATES STADIUM, 59,671



## ARSENAL

Gervinho 27, Van Persie 73, 82

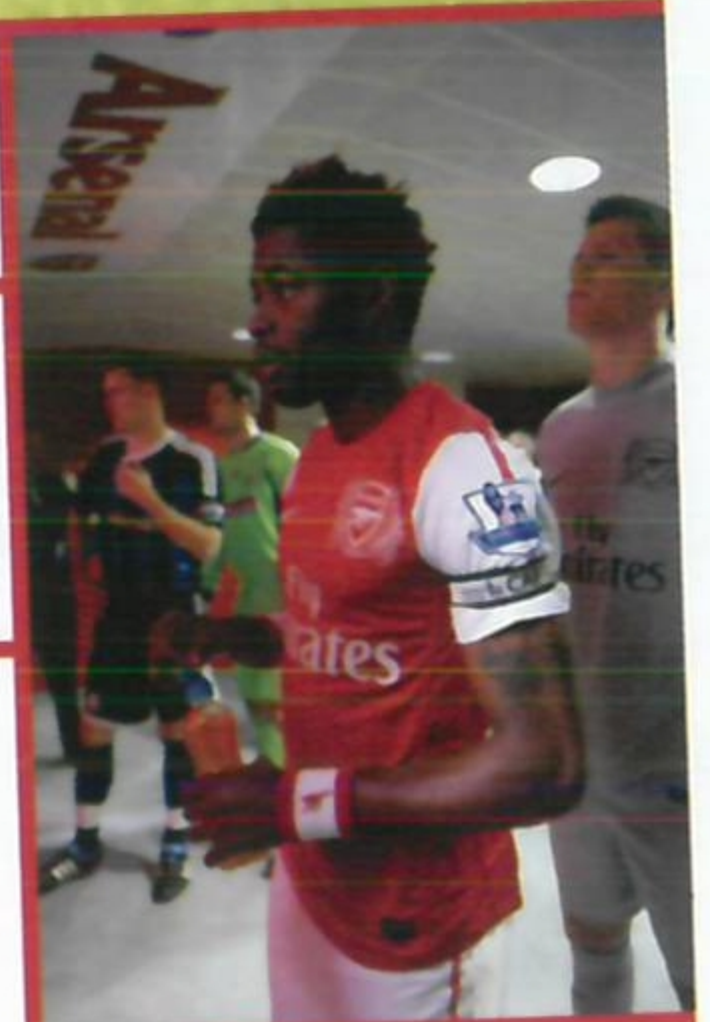
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## STOKE CITY

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Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers

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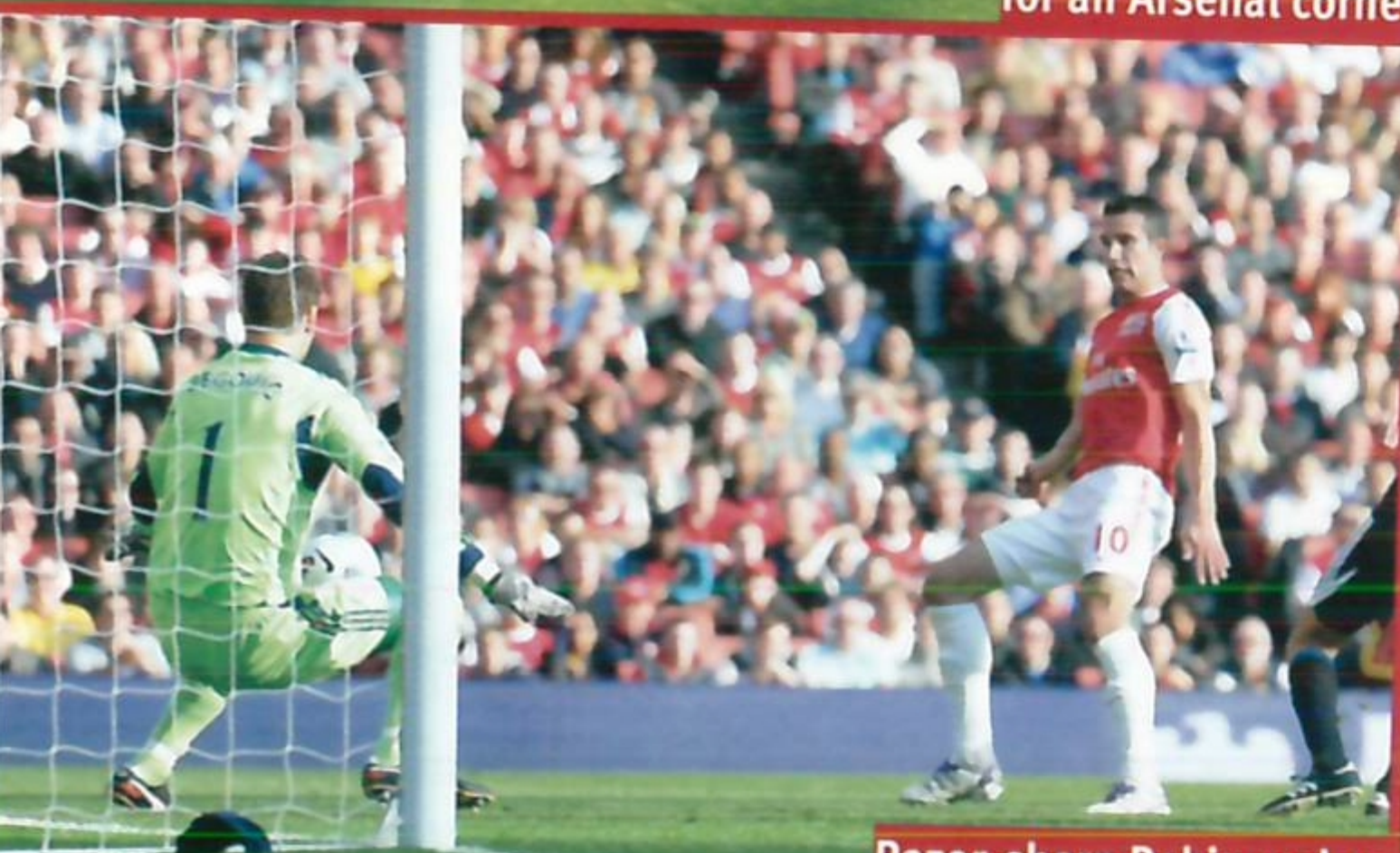
# Match Action



Gervinho shoots Arsenal ahead



Players poised to challenge for an Arsenal corner



Razor-sharp Robin makes an instant impact off the bench



The Dutchman condemns Stoke to defeat with his second

GAME NO  
15



A stunning second-half contribution from skipper Robin van Persie earned the Gunners their sixth straight home win.

An enterprising opening half hour for the Gunners culminated in Aaron Ramsey – who had just gone close to opening the scoring with a fizzing drive – dinking a delicious ball over the Stoke defence for Gervinho to neatly control and shoot past Asmir Begovic.

Arsenal were then hit by a classic Stoke sucker-punch from a disputed free-kick. Glenn Whelan's ball was headed first by Ryan Shawcross then Jon Walters and eventually Peter Crouch stabbed home the equaliser from close range.

The second-half was somewhat becalmed before the explosive arrival of the skipper on 67 minutes. It took him just six minutes to dart onto a Gervinho cross after great work down the right from the Ivorian.

Less than ten minutes later a similar strike, this time with a Gervinho cross from the left, secured all three points and kept the Gunners heading in the right direction up the Premier League table. ■

**Arsenal** Szczesny, Djourou, Koscielny, Mertesacker, Santos, Song, Arteta, Ramsey, Gervinho (Frimpong 89), Chamakh (Van Persie 67), Walcott (Arshavin 71) **Subs not used** Fabianski, Benayoun, Park, Rosicky

★Shots on 4 ★Shots off 5

★Corners 10 ★Offsides 2 ★Fouls 10

★Yellow cards –

**Stoke** Begovic, Upson, Wilkinson, Shawcross, Delap (Diao 60), Etherington (Jerome 74), Wilson, Whelan, Whitehead, Crouch (Jones 74), Walters **Subs not used** Sorensen, Huth, Shotton, Palacios

★Shots on 1 ★Shots off 5

★Corners 1 ★Offsides 2 ★Fouls 12

★Yellow cards Wilkinson, Whitehead



The skipper celebrates  
putting Arsenal ahead







# BOLTON WANDERERS

BOLTON RETURN TO EMIRATES STADIUM TONIGHT JUST A MONTH AFTER LOSING 3-0 HERE IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE



## LAST MATCH...

Saturday,  
October 22,  
Reebok Stadium

**Bolton  
Wanderers 0  
Sunderland 2**

Sessegnon 82,  
Bendtner 90

Jaaskelainen,  
Robinson, Cahill,  
Boyata (Gardner 53),  
Wheater, Eagles,  
Petrov (Kakuta 65),  
Reo-Coker, Pratley,  
Davies (Klasnic 65),  
Ngog

## Subs not used

Bogdan, Knight,  
M Davies, Tuncay



It hasn't been the best of starts to the season for Owen Coyle's team in the league, defeat on Saturday to Sunderland condemned the Trotters to a place in the bottom three and made it seven defeats out of the last eight games. Bolton did however claim an impressive result in the third round of the League Cup last month when they defeated Aston Villa 2-0 at Villa Park.

Goals from Chris Eagles and Gael Kakuta earned an under-strength Bolton side a morale-boosting victory – and an early return to Emirates Stadium for tonight's fourth-round clash.

In truth, Bolton's form away from the Reebok Stadium has been reasonably impressive this term. Aside from that League Cup win at Villa, they won 4-0 at newly promoted QPR on the opening day of the season – a result that actually made them the early Premier League leaders – and there was also that precious 3-1 win at local rivals Wigan ten days ago. Their only away defeats have come here against Arsenal and, in late August, in a 3-1 reverse against Liverpool at Anfield.

Given that Premier League safety is Bolton's number one priority, it remains to be seen what kind of team they will put out this evening. The lineup against Villa, although not the manager's first-choice XI by any

means, contained several regular first-teamers, not least England defender Gary Cahill, while skipper Kevin Davies came on from the bench.

Runners-up in this competition, to Middlesbrough, back in 2004, when Sam Allardyce was the manager, Bolton have only reached the last eight once since then – in the 2005/06 season when, having been granted a delayed entry due to UEFA

Cup involvement, they defeated West Ham and Leicester before going out to Wigan in the quarter-finals.

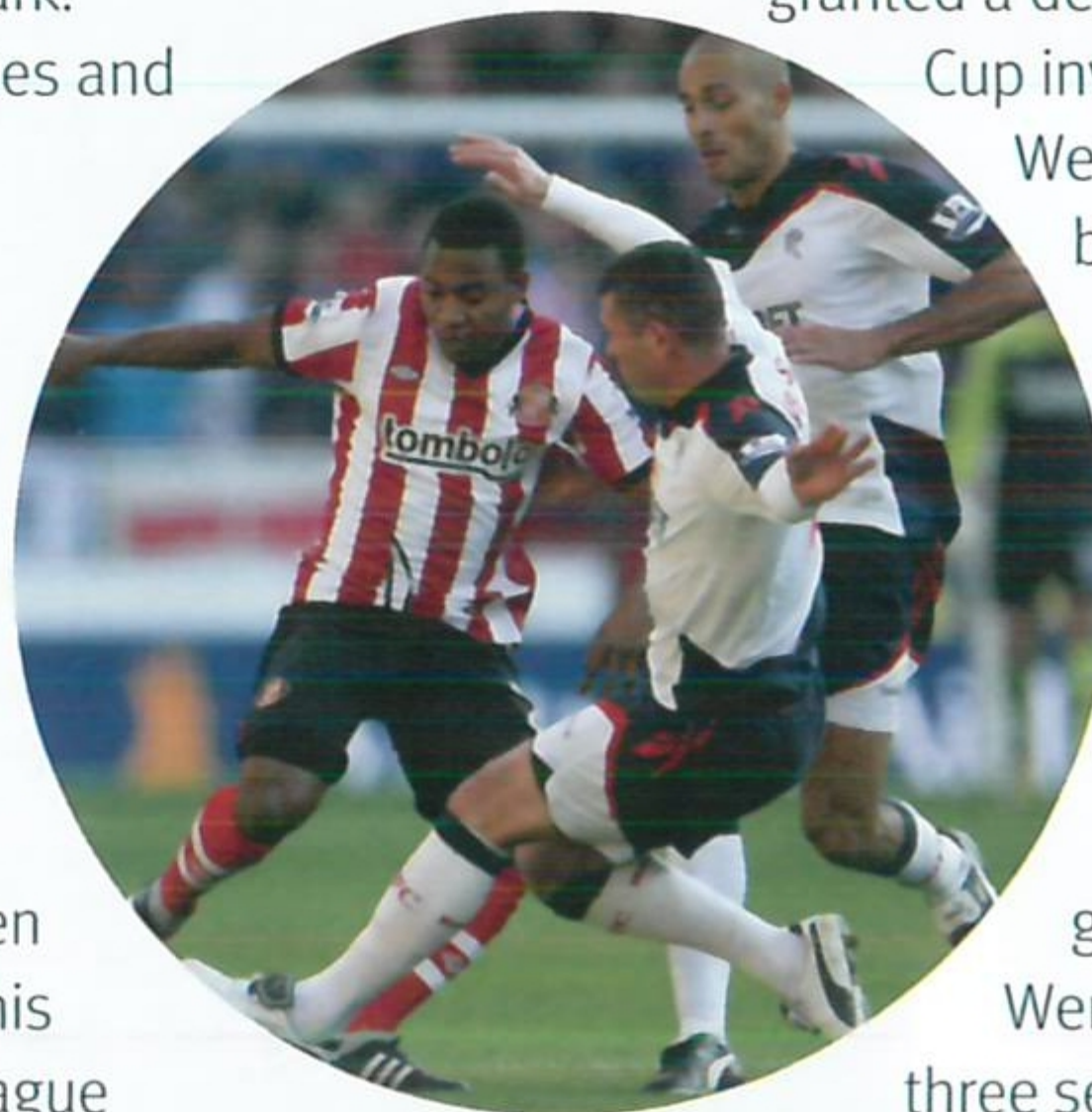
Last term the Trotters' League Cup campaign ended in round three, beaten 1-0 by Coyle's old club Burnley. The Bolton boss did, however, get one over Arsène

Wenger in this competition three seasons ago when his

Burnley side famously defeated the Gunners 2-0 at Turf Moor in the quarter-final before going out narrowly to Tottenham in the semi-finals.

Bolton began this League Cup campaign by coming from behind to defeat Macclesfield Town 2-1 in round two before going on to eliminate Villa.

While the Premier League inevitably ranks highest in the club's priorities, there is nothing like a good cup run to boost the morale, and the Trotters will be doing their utmost to claim another highly prized scalp this evening. ■







The Trotters will be hoping to avenge recent defeat at Emirates



They beat Aston Villa in the last round

## MANAGER OWEN COYLE

**BORN**  
**PAISLEY,**  
**SCOTLAND,**  
**JULY 14, 1966**

**GAMES 75**  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS**  
**AS MANAGER**

Falkirk,  
St Johnstone Burnley  
Since joining from Burnley in January 2010, Owen Coyle has led Bolton to two successive 14th-place finishes in the Premier League. He transformed Burnley's fortunes during his time at Turf Moor, not only winning promotion to the top flight after a 33-year wait, but also reaching the semi-finals of the Carling Cup. Arsenal, defeated 2-0 at Turf Moor, were among several top-flight victims during that run. Bolton are the fourth club on Owen's managerial CV – after Falkirk, St Johnstone and Burnley – but as a player he donned the colours of ten club sides.

He scored goals wherever he played in Scotland. The only time he ventured to England as a player was in the mid-1990s, when he had two seasons with Bolton in the old Division One and a brief taste of the Premiership before returning north, in October 1995, to join Dundee United.



## ADAM BOGDAN



### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Vasas, Vecses (loan), Crewe (loan)

Signed from Budapest club Vasas back in 2007, the young Hungarian international had to wait a long time before making his Bolton first-team debut but is now well established as the back-up goalkeeper to long-standing veteran Jussi Jaaskelainen. Adam had a rough time of it in the Premier League against Chelsea recently, conceding five goals, but started each of Bolton's two League Cup ties against Macclesfield and Aston Villa, keeping a clean sheet in the latter. He has won two senior caps for his country and is yet to concede a goal.

## GRETAR STEINSSON



### PREVIOUS CLUBS

ÍA Akranes, Young Boys, AZ

An Icelandic international with 41 caps, Greta has adapted well to English football following his £3.5m transfer from Dutch side AZ in January 2008. Industrious and consistent, he is generally considered to be the Trotters' first-choice right-back – and played here against Arsenal last month – but he has been challenged for the position this term by new loan signing Dedryck Boyata. Equally dependable as a right-sided midfielder, the 29 year-old completed 100 Premier League appearances for the Trotters back in April.



# Visitors



## BOYATA RED-CARDED

Loanee Dedryck Boyata was red-carded in Arsenal's 3-0 win at Manchester City last season

### GARY CAHILL



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Aston Villa, Burnley (loan), Sheff Utd (loan)  
A graduate of Aston Villa's academy, Gary's career has come on in leaps and bounds since his transfer to Bolton in January 2008, prompting considerable interest from several Premier League clubs of late. A rising star of Fabio Capello's England side, he made his international debut against Bulgaria in September last year and scored his first international goal against the same opposition as England won 3-0 in Sofia last month. He was also on target against QPR in the opening league game of the but missed last month's clash against Arsenal.

### DAVID WHEATER



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Middlesbrough, Doncaster (loan), Wolves (loan), Darlington (loan)  
David will be hoping for the chance this evening to atone for the red card he received on his visit to Emirates last month, when, on his first league outing of the season, he was sent off for a foul on Theo Walcott. A rugged centre-back, he joined Bolton in January this year from Middlesbrough, where, nicknamed the 'Redcar Rock', he was for several years the linchpin of the team's defence. Called up for England duty back in 2008, he was twice named as a sub but failed to win a cap.

### PAUL ROBINSON



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Watford, West Brom  
Paul joined Bolton from West Bromwich Albion in the summer of 2009 on a season-long loan before making the deal permanent halfway through the campaign. Since then he has made the left-back berth his own. The 32 year-old accumulated 238 appearances in all competitions for the Baggies over a six-year spell that incorporated a number of promotions and relegations between the top two divisions. He also had a lengthy spell with his hometown club Watford before moving to Albion in 2003.

### DARREN PRATLEY



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Fulham, Brentford (loan), Swansea  
Having helped Swansea City reach the Premier League last season, notably with a goal from the halfway line to seal a play-off semi-final win over Nottingham Forest, Darren ended his five-year sojourn in South Wales by joining Bolton on a four-year deal in July. The east Londoner scored a dozen goals from midfield for the Swans last term and will be keen to establish himself in the Premier League, where he made just one substitute appearance, back in 2003, for his first club Fulham. He was a starter here at Emirates Stadium last month.

### RICARDO GARDNER



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Harbour View, Preston (loan)  
A long-serving veteran with over 400 appearances for the club, Ricardo joined Bolton for £1m back in 1998 – shortly after representing Jamaica, as a teenager, at the World Cup finals in France. The pacy 33 year-old, who has won over 100 caps for his country, has suffered repeatedly from injuries over the years and has made only a handful of appearances over the past two seasons. Still as popular as ever among the Bolton fans, he could however get an outing this evening having started the third round tie at Villa Park.

### GAEL KAKUTA



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Chelsea, Fulham (loan)  
A highly rated French youth International, Gael was recruited from Lens by Chelsea in 2007, which led to FIFA imposing a temporary transfer ban on the Stamford Bridge club. The 20 year-old has yet to fulfil the lofty expectations that greeted his arrival in England, playing only a handful of games for the Blues. However, he has spent the whole of 2011 out on loan, the first half at Fulham, the second half at Bolton. His first appearance for the Trotters proved a successful one as he scored the second goal in the Carling Cup win at Aston Villa.



# 4 SEMI-FINALS

Bolton have reached the League Cup semi-finals on four occasions

## 1995

In 1995 their scalps in this tournament included top-flight Ipswich, West Ham and Norwich



### CHRIS EAGLES



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Man United, Watford (loan), Sheff Wed (loan), Watford (loan), NEC Nijmegen (loan), Burnley

A summer acquisition from Burnley, right-winger Chris rejoined his former boss Owen Coyle and registered his first goal for the club by opening the scoring at Aston Villa in the third round of the Carling Cup. He starred in Burnley's 2-0 win over Arsenal in the 2007/08 League Cup Quarter-Final and was a key figure in the club's promotion from the Championship. Formerly with Man United, his most memorable moment for the club was a late goal at Everton that clinched the 2006/07 Premier League title. ■

### FABRICE MUAMBA



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Arsenal, Birmingham

Having come to England as a refugee at an early age, Fabrice joined Arsenal on schoolboy forms but made only a couple of first-team appearances, in the League Cup, for the Gunners before moving to Birmingham on loan in 2006. The holding midfielder earned himself a permanent move to St Andrews, and became an England U21 regular, but Blues' relegation in 2008 led to a £5m move to Bolton. He missed only two league games last term and ended the campaign representing England at the European U21 finals in Denmark. ■

### MARK DAVIES



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Wolves, Leicester (loan)

A clever, industrious midfielder, Mark has suffered more than his fair share of injuries since he joined Bolton from Wolves in January 2009 following a short, successful spell on loan at Leicester. Used more often than not as a substitute during Owen Coyle's time at the club, he scored a brilliant goal against Blackpool last season and has frequently caught the eye with his skill and movement. An England youth international, he was called up three times for Under-21 duty but had to withdraw on each occasion through injury. ■

### KEVIN DAVIES



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Chesterfield, Southampton, Blackburn, Southampton, Millwall (loan)

Kevin joined Bolton on a free transfer in 2003 and has proved to be an invaluable asset to the club. The 34 year-old skipper may not be prolific, but he gets through a huge amount of work in every game and is a real handful for defenders. Bolton's Player of the Year in both 2007/08 and 2008/09, he won his only cap for England as a sub against Montenegro in October 2010, making his debut at the age of 33 years and 200 days – the oldest to do so since Arsenal legend Leslie Compton 60 years earlier. ■

### DAVID N'GOG



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

Paris-SG, Liverpool

Considered surplus to requirements at Liverpool after three years at Anfield, during which he was predominantly used as a substitute, David decided to join Bolton on transfer deadline day. He made his first Premier League start for the club against Arsenal here at Emirates last month and netted his first goal in the recent 3-1 win at Wigan. He scored 19 times for Liverpool, including one against Arsenal at the start of last season. A French youth International, he joined the Merseysiders from Paris Saint-Germain in the summer of 2008. ■

### IVAN KLASNIC



#### PREVIOUS CLUBS

St Pauli, Werder Bremen, Nantes

Recruited in 2009 on loan from Nantes, the German-born Croatian International striker was rewarded with a permanent deal 12 months later but, curiously, did not make a single Premier League start in 2010/11. By contrast, he started each of the first five games of the current campaign, and scored in the first three, before receiving a red card against Norwich that ruled him out of last month's visit to Arsenal. It is remarkable that Ivan is playing at all given that during his time at Werder Bremen he underwent two kidney transplants. ■



# Statistics 2011/12

| KEY         | Home Fixture     | © Captain | ¹ First Sub | ² Second Sub | ³ Third Sub | Yellow Card | Red Card  | ⚽ One Goal  | ⚽ Two Goals | ⚽ Three Goals | Penalty |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
|-------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| DATE        | OPPONENTS        | S         | P           | ATT/KO TEAM  | SUBS        |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Aug 13  | Newcastle Utd    | 0-0       | 7           | 46,894       | Szczesny    | Sagna       | Gibbs     | Vermaelen   | Koscielny   | Song          | Ramsey  | Rosicky | Arshavin | Gervinho | van Persie | Walcott     | Frimpong | Djourou  | Chamberlain | Jenkinson | Chamakh     | Fabianski |
| Sat Aug 20  | Liverpool        | 0-2       | 14          | 60,090       | Szczesny    | Sagna       | Jenkinson | Vermaelen   | Koscielny   | Frimpong      | Ramsey  | Nasri   | Arshavin | Walcott  | van Persie | Miquel      | Lansbury | Bendtner | Chamberlain | Miyaichi  | Chamakh     | Fabianski |
| Sun Aug 28  | Man Utd          | 2-8       | 17          | 75,448       | Szczesny    | Jenkinson   | Traore    | Djourou     | Koscielny   | Coquelin      | Ramsey  | Rosicky | Arshavin | Walcott  | van Persie | Chamberlain | Lansbury | Chamakh  | Sunu        | Ozyakup   | Miquel      | Fabianski |
| Sat Sept 10 | Swansea City     | 1-0       | 11          | 60,087       | Szczesny    | Sagna       | Gibbs     | Mertesacker | Koscielny   | Frimpong      | Ramsey  | Arteta  | Arshavin | Walcott  | van Persie | Benayoun    | Coquelin | Chamakh  | Park        | Djourou   | Santos      | Fabianski |
| Sat Sept 17 | Blackburn Rov    | 3-4       | 15          | 22,637       | Szczesny    | Sagna       | Santos    | Mertesacker | Koscielny   | Song          | Ramsey  | Arteta  | Arshavin | Gervinho | van Persie | Djourou     | Walcott  | Chamakh  | Coquelin    | Benayoun  | Gibbs       | Fabianski |
| Sat Sept 24 | Bolton Wanderers | 3-0       | 12          | 59,727       | Szczesny    | Sagna       | Gibbs     | Mertesacker | Koscielny   | Song          | Ramsey  | Arteta  | Gervinho | Walcott  | van Persie | Arshavin    | Rosicky  | Chamakh  | Frimpong    | Santos    | Chamberlain | Fabianski |
| Sun Oct 2   | Tottenham H      | 1-2       | 15          | 36,274       | Szczesny    | Sagna       | Gibbs     | Mertesacker | Song        | Coquelin      | Ramsey  | Arteta  | Gervinho | Walcott  | van Persie | Jenkinson   | Benayoun | Arshavin | Frimpong    | Santos    | Park        | Fabianski |
| Sun Oct 16  | Sunderland       | 2-1       | 10          | 60,078       | Szczesny    | Jenkinson   | Gibbs     | Mertesacker | Koscielny   | Song          | Rosicky | Arteta  | Gervinho | Walcott  | van Persie | Santos      | Arshavin | Benayoun | Frimpong    | Djourou   | Park        | Fabianski |
| Sun Oct 23  | Stoke City       | 3-1       | 7           | 59,671       | Szczesny    | Djourou     | Santos    | Mertesacker | Koscielny   | Song          | Ramsey  | Arteta  | Gervinho | Walcott  | Chamakh    | van Persie  | Arshavin | Frimpong | Benayoun    | Rosicky   | Park        | Fabianski |
| Sat Oct 29  | Chelsea          |           |             | 12.45pm      |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Nov 5   | West Brom        |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Nov 19  | Norwich City     |           |             | 12.45pm      |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Nov 26  | Fulham           |           |             | 5.30pm       |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Dec 3   | Wigan Athletic   |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Dec 10  | Everton          |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sun Dec 18  | Man City         |           |             | 4.10pm       |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Wed Dec 21  | Aston Villa      |           |             | 7.45pm       |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Mon Dec 26  | Wolves           |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Dec 31  | QPR              |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Mon Jan 2   | Fulham           |           |             | 5.30pm       |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Jan 14  | Swansea City     |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Jan 21  | Man Utd          |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Tue Jan 31  | Bolton W         |           |             | 8pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Feb 4   | Blackburn Rov    |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Feb 11  | Sunderland       |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Feb 25  | Tottenham H      |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Mar 3   | Liverpool        |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Mar 10  | Newcastle Utd    |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Mar 17  | Everton          |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Mar 24  | Aston Villa      |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Mar 31  | QPR              |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Apr 7   | Man City         |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Mon Apr 9   | Wolves           |           |             | 7.45pm       |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Apr 14  | Wigan Ath        |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Apr 21  | Chelsea          |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |
| Sat Apr 28  | Stoke City       |           |             | 3pm          |             |             |           |             |             |               |         |         |          |          |            |             |          |          |             |           |             |           |

QUIZ ANSWERS 1. Freddie Ljungberg, 2. Reebok Stadium, 3. Youri Djorkaef, 4. Premier League, 5. 2001/02. BOOTS Ju Young Park

RAPID FIRE 1. 1997/98, 2. 1993/94, 3. 2005/06,



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| DATE       | OPPONENTS         | S   | R | ATT/NO TEAM | SUBS |
|------------|-------------------|-----|---|-------------|------|
| Sat Jan 7  | Third Round       | 3   |   |             |      |
| Wed Jan 18 | Third Round (R)   | 3R  |   |             |      |
| Sat Jan 28 | Fourth Round      | 4   |   |             |      |
| Wed Feb 8  | Fourth Round (R)  | 4R  |   |             |      |
| Sat Feb 18 | Fifth Round       | 5   |   |             |      |
| Wed Mar 7  | Fifth Round (R)   | 5R  |   |             |      |
| Sat Mar 17 | Quarter-Final     | QF  |   |             |      |
| Wed Mar 28 | Quarter-Final (R) | QFR |   |             |      |
| Sat Apr 14 | Semi-Final        | SF  |   |             |      |
| Sat May 5  | FINAL             | F   |   |             |      |

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| appearances, goals & discipline |                 |            |     |    |                  |  |
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|                                 | PREM            | UCL        | FAC | CC | TOTAL            |  |
| Wojciech Szczesny               | 9 <b>1</b>      | 5          | -   | -  | 14 <b>1</b>      |  |
| Robin van Persie                | 8+1(7) <b>1</b> | 3+1(2)     | -   | -  | 11+2(9) <b>1</b> |  |
| Aaron Ramsey                    | 8(1)            | 2+2        | -   | -  | 10+2(2)          |  |
| Laurent Koscielny               | 8 <b>2</b>      | 3          | -   | -  | 11 <b>2</b>      |  |
| Theo Walcott                    | 7+2(1) <b>1</b> | 4(2)       | -   | -  | 11+2(3) <b>1</b> |  |
| Gervinho                        | 6(2) <b>1</b>   | 3+1        | -   | -  | 9+1(2) <b>1</b>  |  |
| Alex Song                       | 6(1) <b>2</b>   | 5 <b>1</b> | -   | -  | 11(1) <b>3</b>   |  |
| Mikel Arteta                    | 6(1) <b>1</b>   | 3 <b>1</b> | -   | -  | 9(1) <b>2</b>    |  |
| Bacary Sagna                    | 6               | 4 <b>1</b> | -   | -  | 10 <b>1</b>      |  |
| Per Mertesacker                 | 6 <b>1</b>      | 3          | -   | -  | 9 <b>1</b>       |  |
| Andrey Arshavin                 | 5+4(1) <b>1</b> | 2+1        | -   | -  | 7+5(1) <b>1</b>  |  |

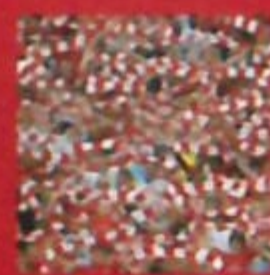
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| Kieran Gibbs                    | 5 <b>1</b>   | 2+1             | -   | 1(1) | 8+1(1) <b>1</b> |  |
| Tomas Rosicky                   | 3+1 <b>1</b> | 3+1 <b>1</b>    | -   | -    | 6+2 <b>2</b>    |  |
| Carl Jenkinson                  | 3+1 <b>1</b> | 2+1             | -   | 1    | 6+2 <b>1</b>    |  |
| Emmanuel Frimpong               | 2+2 <b>1</b> | 2+2             | -   | 1    | 5+4 <b>1</b>    |  |
| Johan Djourou                   | 2+2 <b>2</b> | 1+2 <b>1</b>    | -   | 1    | 4+4 <b>3</b>    |  |
| Andre Santos                    | 2+1          | 2+1(1) <b>1</b> | -   | -    | 4+2(1) <b>1</b> |  |
| Francis Coquelin                | 2+1          | -               | -   | 1    | 3+1             |  |
| Thomas Vermaelen                | 2 <b>1</b>   | 2               | -   | -    | 4 <b>1</b>      |  |
| Marouane Chamakh                | 1+4(1)       | 2+1             | -   | 1    | 4+5(1)          |  |
| Armand Traore                   | 1            | +1              | -   | -    | 1+1             |  |
| Samir Nasri                     | 1            | -               | -   | -    | 1               |  |

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|                                 | PREM        | UCL  | FAC | CC   | TOTAL       |  |
| Yossi Benayoun                  | +3          | 1    | -   | 1(1) | 2+3(1)      |  |
| Henri Lansbury                  | +2 <b>1</b> | -    | -   | -    | +2 <b>1</b> |  |
| Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain         | +1          | 1(1) | -   | 1(1) | 2+1(2)      |  |
| Ignasi Miquel                   | +1          | -    | -   | 1    | 1+1         |  |
| Nicklas Bendtner                | +1          | -    | -   | -    | +1          |  |
| Lukasz Fabianski                | -           | -    | -   | 1    | 1           |  |
| Ju Young Park                   | -           | -    | -   | 1    | 1           |  |
| Chuks Aneke                     | -           | -    | -   | +1   | +1          |  |
| Ryo Miyaichi                    | -           | -    | -   | +1   | +1          |  |
| Oguzhan Ozyakup                 | -           | -    | -   | +1   | +1          |  |



## Fan's Thoughts



Every matchday programme features a Final Word from a supporter where you can discuss anything Arsenal.

# Final Word

IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO WRITE FOR THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Being close to the action and hearing the buzz of the crowd stirs the passion in a manner that's hard to describe. And although London N5 couldn't be any closer, that passion is no less intense from further afield; in my case 19,000km away.

Formerly a season ticket holder, I moved to New Zealand in June 1998. This was with mixed emotions, having been ever-present during that memorable march to a dramatic 'double', secured by Anelka and Overmars. My parents would not be pleased to hear me admit that I initially missed Arsenal more than my family.

Help was at hand. Despite being a rugby fortress, football fans in New Zealand (of which there are many) are admirably catered for by Sky TV. With Saturday afternoon games broadcast live, and a system called "Viewer's Choice", one need never miss a game.

Big problem: time zones. NZ is usually 12 hours ahead of the UK, therefore a Saturday afternoon match kicks off at 3am. Non-football fans offer sensible advice such as, "Why don't you just record the game?" Well, as any devoted fan would know, this simply isn't an option; it almost questions your loyalty. Someone somewhere will give the result away, and the temptation to fast-forward a recorded game out of anxiety is too great. Besides, there's something magical about setting the alarm, sneaking downstairs trying not to wake the household, and putting the kettle on.

Tucked under a duvet on the couch, your senses are quickly revived when you see those famous red and white shirts, and the hallowed turf. You still feel 'at home' and can almost smell the fried onions and burgers.

For those epic games, such as the successive FA Cup final appearances between 2001 and 2005, no alarm clock was required. Instead it'd be an all-nighter, drinking and celebrating (or commiserating) with fellow fans at sports bars. Once the game was over, the adrenaline and key moments turning over in your mind made sleep almost impossible.

Very tired but very awake.

Not only do you need stamina to be a fan overseas; you also need an understanding boss. More often than not, table-topping clashes are played on Sunday afternoon, being 4am Monday morning NZ time. Of course the result would totally dictate whether Monday morning was a shocker or altogether more bearable. And consider those wonderful Champions League nights – these would be breakfast kick-offs, taking "late for work" to a new level. Who can forget the run in to the 2006 final? Every moment was shared with a fellow Gooner, a bacon butty, and howls of delight until Eto'o and Belletti gate-crashed the party.

Having recently returned to London I'm now lucky enough to enjoy Arsenal 'in the flesh', during waking hours, and it's fabulous. But I still spare a thought for that army of overseas fans enjoying the action in their pyjamas. ■

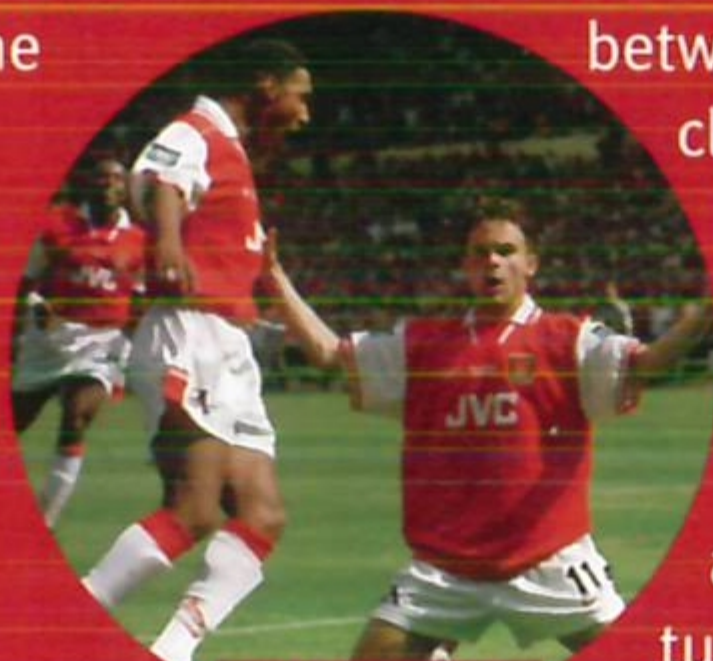


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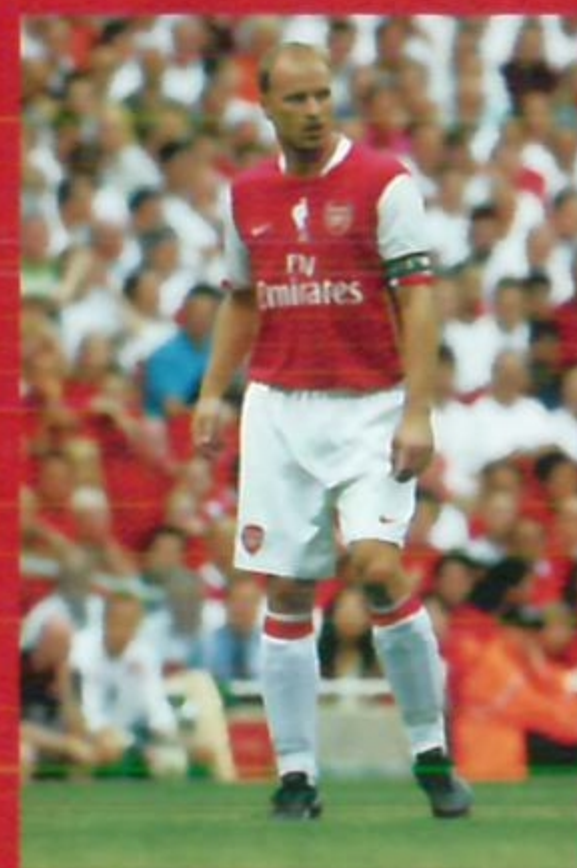
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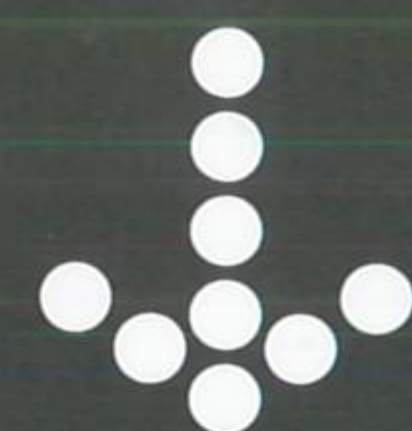
## ARSENAL



Manager Arsène Wenger

Kit Red shirts with white sleeves,  
white shorts and socks

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REFEREE

Anthony Taylor

ASSISTANT REFEREES

R Ganfield, G Turner

FOURTH OFFICIAL

P Dowd

## OTHER CARLING CUP FIXTURES TONIGHT

all 7.45pm kick-off

Aldershot v  
Manchester United  
Cardiff City v Burnley  
Crystal Palace v  
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Manager Owen Coyle

Kit Black shirts, shorts and socks

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